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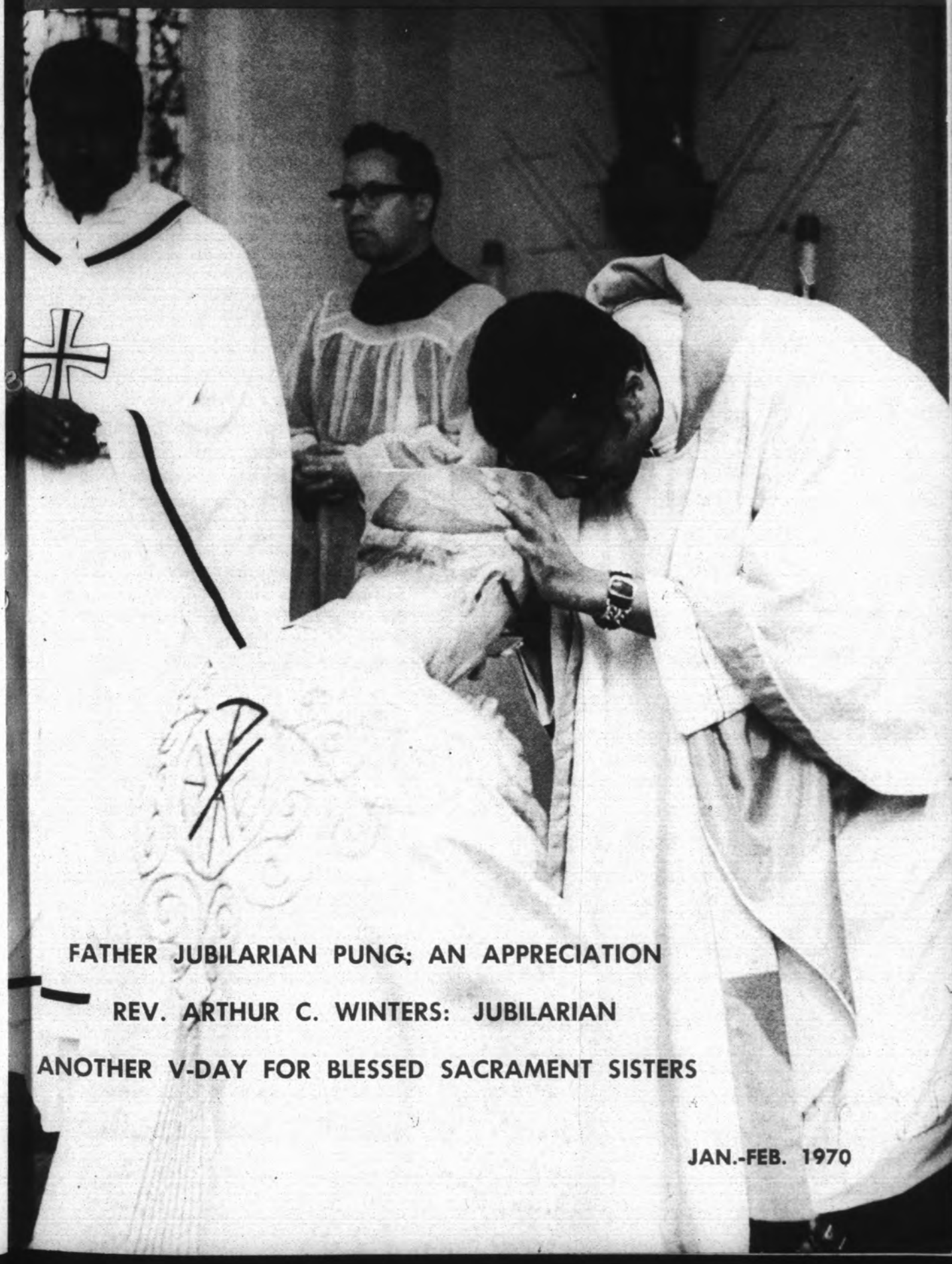

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An Electron of Inspiration

"It pays to advertize!" The business world certainly understands and appreciates this thought-provoking slogan. The endless commercials over the radio and on TV and splashed on the billboards support the fact that whatever is marketable is worth advertizing. Cars, homes, land sites, medicine and a host of commodities are available because they are constantly being advertized. Should not this excellent and efficient means of "blowing one's horn" be employed with equal advantage in regards to things of the world of unseen values — the spiritual world? Our Blessed Savior thinks so. "Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matt. 5; 16) As patterns of style and manufacture of the commercial world draw attention and encourage purchasing, so should patterns of a virtuous life attract notice and lead to sincere imitation . . . not mimicry. How often one has heard that "A good example is the best sermon!"

Church History tells us that the early Christians in Rome were generally speaking from the lower class of society. They were poor; very many of them were forced through circumstances to eke out an existence as servants and even as slaves in the homes of the powerful, pleasure-loving Romans. The Christian religion was considered as hostile to the interests of the Roman Empire; so all believers were despised. In spite however of their worldly lives these rich, powerful and pleasure-loving Romans secretly esteemed goodness, purity, love of neighbor and other admirable virtues. They could detect none of these noble spiritual qualities in their equally powerful and rich citizens; but they did discover them being practiced unassumingly by their poor servants and slaves. These Christians were advertizing their religion, and as a result Christianity was wholeheartedly embraced by its enemies. St. Paul praises the Thessalonians because of the salutary effect of their good example on their surrounding neighbors. The Thessalonians whom he converted were ordinary workers, simple people as can be found anywhere. Here is what he says: "From you was spread abroad the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but also in every place." (I Thess. I; 8)

Somewhere in his writing G. K. Chesterton quotes some people of his time asserting that "Christianity has been tried and found wanting." But he counters with the remark: "Christianity has been found difficult and left untried." Judging from current events there appears to be much truth in what Chesterton stated. The horrifying, disgusting accounts of people and things about which one reads in periodicals point to something sadly wanting in the presentation of Faith. Such conduct is no doubt very poor advertizement of spiritual matters.

How different the conduct of the Saints! They hallowed every trade and rank of life in which they were concerned. How? By, for instance, being cheerful or patient or silent or agreeable when circumstances strongly urged them to act to the contrary. Insignificant acts? Not when performed out of love of God.

JUBILEE MUSING

One can catch a glimpse of the immense joy and satisfaction which overwhelmed the inventor Samuel F. B. Morse as he excitedly coded the first message sent over his invention, the telegraph: "What God hath wrought!" Dimly he envisioned his complicated contrivance would be of incalculable service to the world. Similarly as we stand this year at the threshold of our Golden Jubilee and take an account of our existence in the service of the People of God, we echo the same sentiments couched in the identical words: "What God hath wrought!" St. Augustine's Seminary has occupied an important position, and has greatly influenced the successful trend of the Negro mission work.

The first jubilee was observed in 1945. Records show that from 1934, the year of the first ordination until that Jubilee Year, five classes left the portals of the Seminary. The first class celebrated its jubilee in 1959, and since that time the jubilee bells have been ringing, not only for the priests, but also for the devoted Brothers who share with them the same religious family life.

"What hath God wrought!" In the course of time, eventually three of the alumni were elevated to the episcopacy wherein the fullness of the priesthood is invested. These privileged individuals, like their brother-bishops of other races were entrusted to hand on the awesome power given to them.

Another instance showing the inscrutable working of Divine Providence is that our Seminary is now integrated. The class of 1939 had only one white priest (who went to his eternal reward last year); the class of 1955 had four. Seminarians of both races mix freely together in all activities. This camaraderie is a wonderful example of the effect of genuine Christian love. Such a remarkable achievement would have caused great joy to the founders of the Catholic Interracial Council to witness. This harmonious spectacle would have served as a foretaste of their future success. As, for example, the vision of Christ's transfiguration served as a spur to the Apostles to overcome the difficulties in establishing the Church, so a preview of this togetherness involving both races would have helped them considerably in facing the trials and vicissitudes besetting their formidable task. "Behold how good and how pleasant is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Ps. 132; I) The fact is that these beautiful words, "What God hath wrought," are applicable to St. Augustine's Seminary today as it celebrates the Golden Jubilee of its foundation.

This happy occasion urges us to offer thanks especially to those who believed in this project from its beginning when results were not so apparent. We beg all to join with us during this Jubilee Year in praying for the continued success of "what God hath wrought."

FATHER JUBILARIAN PUNG: *An Appreciation*

Editor's Note: The Very Rev. Robert Pung celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary in the priesthood on August 15, 1969. Since he began his priestly activities in the Southern Province, this tribute of praise is timely.

Although they may have never met, Father Pung and Henry Kaiser, the well-known builder of the "Liberty Ships" were animated with the same idea: "Find a need and fill it!" During the span of years Father had to fill the void of many needs. We will consider just two of them. As Vocational Director he was convinced that more boys would consider entering the ranks of the priesthood if the notion were presented to them in a more attractive manner. Periodic vocation talks and rallies were insufficient. There was a need for a constant reminder of the priestly vocation. It was for this reason that he re-organized the semi-defunct "Future Priests' Club." Each youngster proudly sported an ornamental pin with the engraved motto: UNTO GOD'S ALTAR and the initials, F.P.C. Each student also received a copy of an attractive magazine called, "The Shepherd." This organization has spread far beyond the boundaries of the United States, for I was well acquainted with a member — an African seminarian in Ghana.

V. Rev. John Musinsky, S.V.D. (left) and V. Rev. Robert Pung, S.V.D., concelebrate their silver jubilee Mass.

The second need was clerical appointments for Negro girls who graduated from St. Rose de Lima High School in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. For the most part the horizon of their ambition was limited to domestic work. In collaboration with some influential members of the civic community he provided ways and means of training prospective candidates. The integrated lay-office personnel of the Provincial's office owes its existence to the need which has been adequately filled. Nowadays the local space base NASA, as well as a few business firms also have openings for promising applicants. Besides the economical benefits accruing from Father's felicitous scheme for job-training, there is another angle; the many happy marriages which blossomed and bore lasting fruit. Indigent students' financial needs were also satisfied. "Find a need and fill it!"

Father Musinsky, first American born Superior General of Society of Divine Word, reading the gospel.

FATHER JUBILARIAN PUNG: *An Appreciation (continued)*

Offertory procession at concelebrated Mass.

A native of Westphalia, Michigan, our jubilarian hails from a family of ten children. With the opening of a new Divine Word minor seminary in Epworth, Iowa, he volunteered to enter together with thirty-one other students of whom fifteen were eventually ordained. Having completed his novitiate at East Troy, Wisconsin in June 21, 1937, he pronounced his first vows on June 21, 1939. After his ordination in Techny, Illinois on August 15, 1944, his first assignment was to the Southern Province of the United States.

His Superiors were not slow in recognizing that this quiet-spoken, unassuming and energetic priest was highly gifted. What wonder? Did not Benjamin Franklin say: "Hide not your talents,

Seventy priests participated in concelebrated jubilee Mass.

for they for use were made. What's a sundial in the shade?" So accordingly Father Pung's rise to positions of importance began. It is when one scans the array of appointments given him that one recalls the fact that he was filling a *need* — Dean of students . . . 1945; re-organized F.P.C. . . . 1946; Vocational Director . . . 1947-1955. It was during this period that he also served as director and editor of "The Shepherd"; editor of the DIVINE WORD MESSENGER . . . 1951. This post he ably held for eight years. He was appointed Rector of the major and minor seminary at Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi in 1952, and chosen as Provincial of the Southern Province in 1955. This series of appointments culminated in his being selected to serve as one of the General Consultors of the

Jubilarians distributing Communion

Society in 1958. When the rectorship of the Tertiate became vacant in 1968, he was nominated to fill the post. The Tertiate is an international college of spiritual and intellectual renewal for the missionaries at Nemi, Rome.

FATHER JUBILARIAN PUNG: *An Appreciation (continued)*

Father Jubilarian Pung is not dazzled by his wonderful talents, especially for organizing, nor boastful of the success of his many ventures. In the words of the Psalmist he attributes all to the good God. "Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Thy Name give glory." (Ps. 113;9) To help him to be ever conscious that it was the Lord Himself who was working through His servant, Divine Providence permitted him to be buffetted by racking pains and periods of weakness, as in a similar manner St. Paul was buffeted by an angel of darkness.

Mass of Thanksgiving for milestone in priesthood.

As indication of the deep interior life which motivated and still motivates his activities are some remarks made at the testimonial banquet given in his honor on the occasion of his departure for Rome to assume the new duties as General Consultor. "I do not know," he said, "whether it was by design or by accident that this departure ceremony was scheduled for today, September 9, the Feast of St. Peter Claver, Apostle of the Negro people of South America and Patron of the Colored Missions the world over. But this I know . . . the selection of this day was most appropriate, for I do not hesitate to say it has been my greatest joy and consolation to devote all my priestly labors to the spread and conservation of the Faith among our Colored brothers in Christ, just as it was the delight of St. Peter Claver to minister to the Colored for forty years in Columbia." When praised for his untiring efforts to improve the conditions of the missions of the Southern Province he remarked: "Any priest motivated by Divine Grace to be 'all things to all men' will be successful in the Negro missionary apostolate."

As General Consultor, Father Pung visited Austria, India, Ghana, Australia, New Guinea, Philippines, Japan, Hong Kong, Tasmania, New Zealand, England, Ireland and New Mexico. Reminiscing about this world-wide travelling he wrote: "When studying geography and history as a youngster, little did I dream that I would one day set foot on such renowned spots of classical antiquity as Cairo of the Pharaohs with its ancient mosques and tombs; and Athens the city of the Olympic Games and the home of many a great sculptor and poet." Need he be surprised at what he learned from his

The religious and laity received Communion under both species.

travels? The Society of the Divine Word has missions all over the world. The members jokingly remind prospect candidates of the great privilege to be accorded them when they are told "Join the Society of the Divine Word and see the world!" The staff and readers of the MESSENGER felicitate Very Reverend Father Pung on this momentous occasion of his sacerdotal jubilee.

REV. ARTHUR C. WINTERS — *Jubilarian*

Some years ago when the MESSENGER could afford a "Children's Corner," there was one of its editors who would humorously sign himself as Father "Acorne." It is to this jovial

Father Winters, our jubilant Jubilarian.

confrere Father Arthur CORNElius Winters who is observing his sacerdotal jubilee this year that the MESSENGER wishes to pay tribute.

Born in Atlantic City, New Jersey in 1916, our Jubilarian comes from a family of seven brothers, of whom one is a missionary priest laboring in the Congo. After finishing his high school studies, he entered at St. Augustine's Seminary in 1943. First vows were pronounced in 1937 and on January 6, 1945 he was elevated to the ranks of the priesthood. For a while the Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Lafayette, La., and subsequently Our Lady of Perpetual parish in St. Martinville claimed his services as an assistant pastor. But it was not too long before the Seminary requested his return because of the versatileness of his talents — teacher, poet, musician, sportsman, and a genial community man. His talent especially for writing poetry has been recognized by the Catholic Poetry Society of America. He is cited as such in "Negro Catholic Writers" by Sister Mary Anthony Scall, R.C.M. Practically all his poems, and stories too, have appeared in the MESSENGER.

Father Clarence J. Howard, a former editor of the MESSENGER, gradually introduced our jubilarian into the work on the MESSENGER — a task for which he proved to be eminently suited.

"My people can sing!" Father at choir practice.

By October 1948 Father was released from all classes so as to devote all his time to the editing of the MESSENGER. But since he hails from a family of musicians, the field of music found his services indispensable; so Father was still required to conduct lessons for musical instruments and to direct the seminary choir. Even today, the quivering strings of the violin and the wailing wire strings of the Hawaiian guitar resound melodiously to his deft musical touch.

Parochial duties once more beckoned him to St. Martinville, where he became pastor; and now he is at the helm of parochial affairs in Immaculate Heart of Mary parish. May his jubilee year and the subsequent years in the apostolic field continue to be fruitful!

RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS COOPERATE WITH PROJECT EQUALITY

In November, eighteen major religious bodies in the State of Illinois joined to commit their multi-million dollar purchasing power to Project Equality, a nationwide ecumenical program to use the economic power of religious institutions to end employment discrimination. This welcome report came from the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice. The new Illinois project will serve the largest population of any of the nation's 20 PE units.

Among the many churches and religious bodies sponsoring this statewide program are the Sisters of Charity of the blessed Virgin Mary. This religious community is the first of its kind to join the PE.

The National PE is a program service of the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice which serves more than 150 Catholic human relations organization in the U. S. It operates programs in housing, education and medical care to end racial discrimination and promote equal opportunities in all areas of life.

MY PEOPLE CAN SING

ARTHUR C. WINTERS, S.V.D.

(Editor's Note: Twice-told tales are welcome. This poem by the Jubilarian appeared in the MESSENGER in 1943, and will be equally welcome.)

My people can sing, I know—
Pain is a teacher of song, and Woe.

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.

My people can sing, I know—
Suffering sounds a strain
That rings through heart and brain.
And grants a poignant key born for melody.

Steal away to Jesus, I ain't got long to stay here.

My people can sing, I know—
A broken heart is a lute
That only Time can mute;
And krotted hands are things
Made deft for trembling strings.

Little David, play on your harp . . .

My people can sing, I know—
Faith is a tuning rod
That Want vibrates to God.

Nobody knows the trouble I've seen, Glory Hallelujah!

My people can sing, I know—
Songs that are tense with grace.
And lit by a darkened face.

Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home.

My people can sing, and up
God's mountain side they throng,
Lifted and winged with song . . .
We are climbing Jacob's ladder . . .
. . . Seeking for a city!

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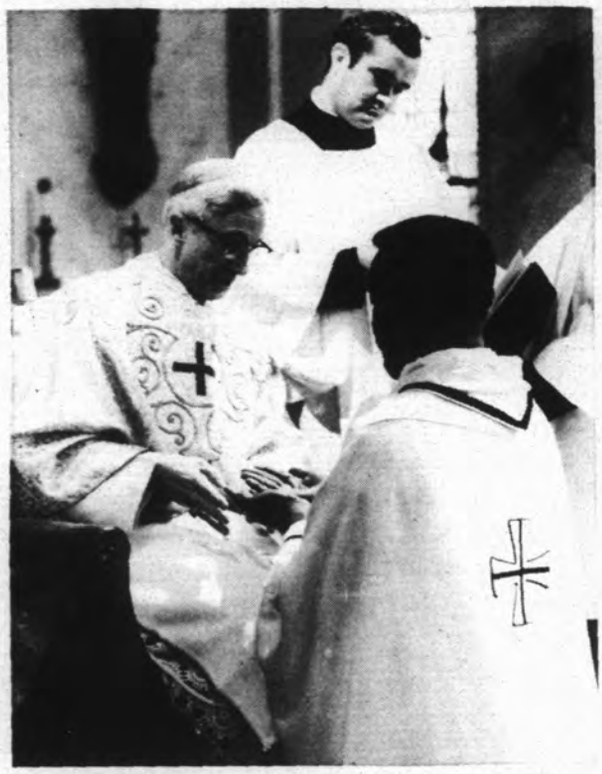

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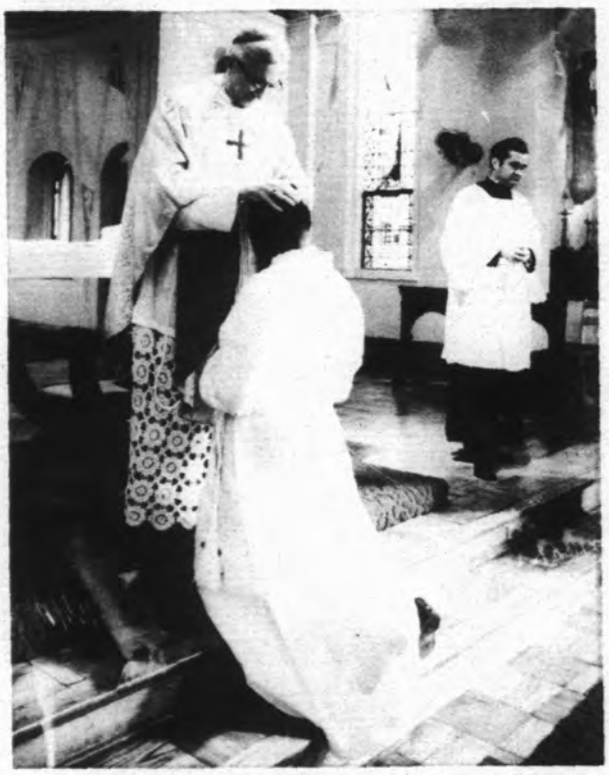

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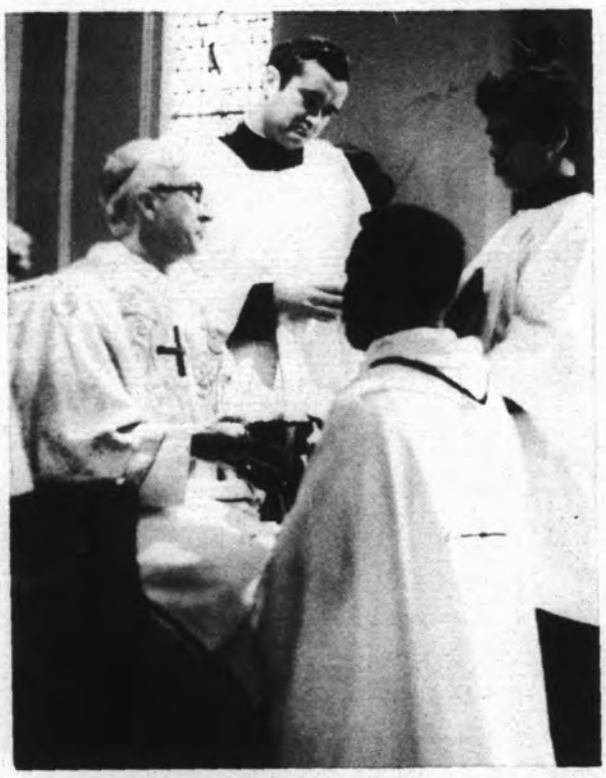

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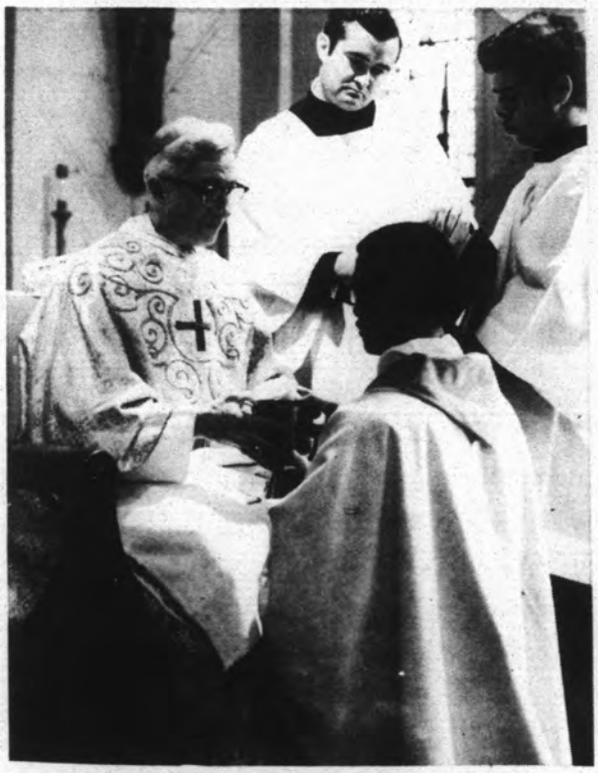

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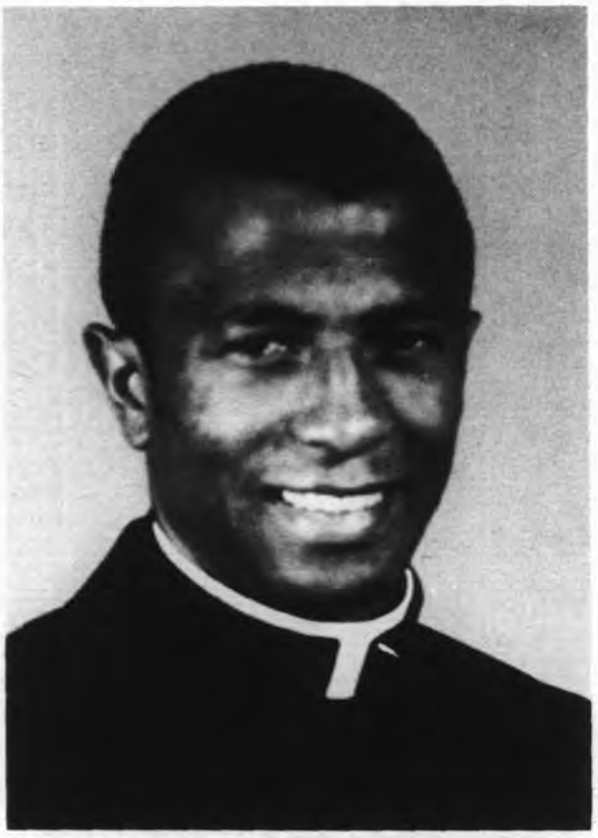
Another V-Day for Blessed Sacrament Sisters

Fathers Dixon and James, former pupils, ordained priests



Father Alvin Dixon, S.V.D.

Throughout the years of their missionary activities, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament have repeatedly experienced the truth of St. Paul's dictum: "What a man shall sow those also shall he reap." (Gal. 6; 8) As some representatives of their Congregation witnessed the ordination of Fathers Alvin Dixon and Thomas James on December 18 by His Excellency Bishop Warren Boudreaux, the Auxiliary Bishop of Lafayette diocese, in the chapel of St. Augustine's Seminary in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, this Pauline truth was again brought to the fore once more; for those new priests were once pupils of the Sisters. The happy occasion was another V-Day for them.

Reverend Alvin Dixon. The son of Mr. Clarence Dixon and Mrs. Fanella Roy Dixon, Father Dixon saw the light of day for the first time in 1943 in New Iberia, Louisiana. Of the 13 children he is the eleventh child. His early schooling began under the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Edward's parish school. Their shining example as well as the good advice of his pastor helped him to decide to devote his service to God in the sacred ministry. After finishing grammar school, he entered Divine Word Seminary at Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi in 1957. Step by step the ardent student advanced toward his coveted goal in the various places where the Divine Word missionaries have seminaries: college studies at Miramar, Massachusetts and Conesus, New York (1961-63); philosophy course at Epworth, Iowa (1965-66) where he obtained a B.A. degree in that subject. It was while pursuing his philosophical studies that the future cleric felt a strong desire of following more closely in the footsteps of his Divine Master by entering the religious life of the Society of the Divine Word in 1965. Final vows were made at Techny, Illinois in 1969.

In the presence of his jubilant parents, relatives and friends, Father Dixon offered a Mass of Concelebration in his home church on December 21st. He himself assumed the role of preacher for the occasion. A reception followed in the early part of the afternoon in the parish hall. The Southern Province of the Divine Word Missionaries will be

Father Thomas James, S.V.D.

the future field of his priestly labors. May they be as fruitful as those of his former teachers, the Blessed Sacrament Sisters!

Father Thomas James. Father James, born in 1942 in St. Martinville, Louisiana, is the first born of his parents, Mr. Collion James and Mrs. Eva James. His only sister is a member of the Sisters of the Holy Family; she is known as Sister Geneva. An only brother, Collion James, Jr. is a sophomore in college. The future cleric came under salutary influence of the Blessed Sacrament Sisters while he was a pupil of the local Our Lady of Perpetual Help grammar school. The seminary doors of the Divine Word at Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi welcomed him in 1956. Like his colleague, Father Dixon, he attended the forenamed Divine Word seminaries and also obtained a B.A. in philosophy. Attracted to the religious life, the eager student sought admission into the Society of the Divine Word. First vows were pronounced in 1963, and the perpetual dedication of himself to Christ's service by final vows in 1969. During his theological course, the neo-presbyter became active in the Black Clergy Association and did very much to foster vocations to the priesthood among his ethnic group.

The Solemn High Mass concelebrated in his home parish in St. Martinville, Louisiana on December 21st and the grand reception afterwards in the parish hall made a deep impression on all who were participants in those events. Father James' assignment to the Western Province of the Society will give him abundant opportunities for exercising that apostolic zeal implanted by his first teachers, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. In order to render this zeal more effective, he intends to continue working for a Master's degree in philosophy. More power to him!

UNITY: *Working for / with God*

By TITUS CRANNY, S.A.

Every good work of man is also the work of God. Man depends upon God for every blessing of nature and of grace. Such dependence is eminently so in any spiritual matter and preeminently so in the cause and program of Christian Unity.

During January 18-25 many Christians pray for unity and the theme for unity and the theme for 1970 is espcially fitting. It is a thought from St. Paul: "We are fellow workers for God" (1 Cor 3:9). There are a variety of translations of this simple text: We are co-workers with God . . . we work for God. For God we are co-workers. But the thought is the same: man works with God for the upbuilding of the Church, for the welfare of the people of God.

In spite of divisions the Churches are conscious of the call to serve men as addressed to them by God. Reconciliation, peace, unity are not just pious words. They pose a challenge to men of every Christian persuasion to be resolved only in the name and in the spirit of Christ.

The Church must seek to strengthen and encourage man along the pilgrim way of life. It must be involved in all the problems of human life and seek for solutions in a way faithful to the teaching and example of Jesus Christ.

It is essential for Christian Unity that man recognizes the role of co-operative action with Christ. St. Paul was not needlessly repeating himself when he used such expressions as "formed with Christ" and "grown together with him" and "to suffer with him" and "to be crucified with him — to die with him — to reign with him — to be glorified with him." Such union with the Saviour also means sharing in his prayer and longing for Christian Unity. His poignant prayer in the 17th Chapter of St. John is not just a final farewell message.

Some Christians feel that the ecumenical movement has come to a stop, or gone into a slump, or run out of steam. If there are any valid criticisms it is that Christians do not rely sufficiently upon the love for Christ. Disunity is the work of man, but unity or the restoration of unity is the work of God. Progress in unity is not the result of meetings, congresses, dialogue alone (though they have their place, but an effect of God's grace.

The promotion of this unity, based on a single faith in a single Lord de-

pends upon all Christians. Such unity is achieved by men living in the love of Christ and observing his command: "Love one another as I have loved you."

The Church is the work of God, the edifice founded by Jesus and entrusted to the apostles. The Church is built by the labor of all the saints — even today.

Much of the results of Christian Unity which the world witnesses today is the result of the efforts of good men — such as Pope John in his love which embraced the world, Fr. Paul Couturier of Lyons, France (d. 1953) who promoted prayer for unity in Europe and Fr. Paul Graymoor, New York (d. 1940), who began the unity Octave in 1908 (since become the Week of Prayer) and founded a religious community of friars and sisters to work and pray for the reunion of Christendom.

All Christians ought to pray for unity every day. Jesus prayed for unity and gave His life for it. If it is so important how can His followers be indifferent or careless in such a holy cause?

OUR SILVER JUBILEE AT NEMI

By MRS. WILLIAM AHRENS

August 15 is traditionally the biggest holiday of the year in Italy. It is marked by a grand exodus from the cities to the cooler and gayer climes of shore and mountain.

To the S.V.D. community and friends the day took on a special significance this year. The exodus from Rome was all in the direction of Nemi where Father John Musinsky, Superior General of the Society and Father Robert Pung, Rector of the Tertiate were celebrating their Silver Jubilee.

The festivities began with Mass at eleven o'clock. Seventy priests concelebrated with the two Jubilarians. Represented in this group were Superior Generals, Honored Prelates and Tertiatians. The musical accompaniment was the guitar. The Cardinal Vicar General of the diocese was in attendance and at the conclusion of the Mass spoke of the joys of the priesthood.

Tertiate chapel at Nemi setting for Mass celebration.

Cardinal Angelo Dell'Acqua, Vicar General of the Diocese of Rome, shares a happy moment with Jubilarian.

After Mass, all gathered to greet the jubilarians. The group was a happy blend of Italy and America. The repast followed. Among the guests was a good representation of the Sisters of Christian Charity. Father Pung's sister was a member of the Sisters of Christian Charity before her rather sudden death a little more than a year ago.

The meal was arranged and prepared by the Missionary Sisters of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the unseen but loudly sung heroines of the day.

Another Project for St. Jules' War on Poverty

By EVON LEJEUNE

Always on the move since Father Frank Ecimovich, S.V.D., has been pastor, the busy parish of St. Jules in Franklin, La., is in the midst of starting another project to help the lower income citizens of the area.

David Papen at work in the Credit Union Office

David Papen, a former teacher from New Orleans, is now setting up a communication center in the recently completed St. Jules Credit Union Building.

"Our main purpose is to gather the vast resources of helpful material available at little or no cost from public facilities to set up a library," said Mr. Papen. "We are in the very early stages of compiling materials; yet we already have a number of films for children, on teacher training, training of staff, on setting up vegetable co-ops, and various items of agriculture.

Mr. Papen is also getting material on programs from the poor to supplement the assistance of the Credit Union on savings, budgeting, and keeping record.

"The state will provide us with information on how to run day-care centers for working mothers which will be available to the rest of the city or parish. Our help will not be limited only to our parish, but will be offered to other day care centers and anyone who wishes to use the materials, the director explained.

"We are soliciting funds from various foundations that are always eager to set up educational programs," he further commented.

As the library grows and becomes an effective means of communication, Mr. Papen plans to train others in the parish to seek out the sources of available literature and teach them how to care for the library.

The new library is only one of the many projects undertaken by the parishioners of St. Jules parish. They have one of the most successful credit union in the United States, and are the winners of a number of excellent awards. A sixty-unit single-dwelling housing development, the only one in the United States, we believe, was recently completed through the credit union. A low-rent apartment complex for older citizens is now being built on a former dump. A seven-acre tract of church property is used for planting vegetables during the growing season, with the income from the sale of the vegetables going to the members of the co-op.

The new Credit Union Building

Life is looking up for lower income families in the Deep South with the help of leaders and workers like David Papen.

ALONG THE DIVINE WORD MISSION TRAIL

Divine Word Seminary
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi

The Reverend Alvin Dixon and Thomas James, alumni of our seminary here were ordained to the priesthood on December 18, 1969 by their Auxiliary Bishop of the Lafayette diocese. Father Dixion has been assigned to the Southern Province while Father James will work in the Western Province.

Apostolic Delegate with our Mexican Sisters

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The Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Luigi Raimundi, while on a visit to the Gulf Coast to view some of the areas damaged by the hurricane, visited our Community. He remained long enough to attend a banquet at which Bishop Brunini, some members of the clergy, the Religious, city officials and Knights of Columbus and Peter Claver were present.

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Father William Oliver, the director of the Holy Rosary Institute in Lafayette, Lousiana, although pressed for time, consented to be the Retreat Master for the seminarians at their annual retreat.

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Although overburdened with many engagements, His Excellency, Bishop Harold R. Perry included a period for his annual Retreat here for a few days.

" 'Tis an ill wind that blows no man good." Father George Heffner, the pastor of St. Rose de Lima here cannot complain about the hurricane, for in compensation for the damages caused by the winds, his rectory and convent have been supplied with new roofs. In addition, the contractor has presented the rectory with a new tone, thus making it more respectable.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

In order to be well acquainted with the present day trend of thought among the youth, Father Lee, the associate pastor of St. Augustine's Church attended a one-day seminar on vocations at St. Joseph's Abbey, Covington, Louisiana. The burden of the discussion was how to make the vocation to the priesthood and the religious life more meaningful to modern youth.

Father Theriault, the pastor, took time out from his crowded schedule to conduct the annual Retreat for the students of St. Stanislaus College in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

Bishop Morkovsky (center); Fr. LaBauve, pastor (left); Fr. Labbe, associate pastor (right).

BELLE CHASSE, LOUISIANA

A new hospital having 46 beds was officially opened in the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Father Gootee, the pastor, as a token of appreciation for this project of mercy offered Holy

Mass on its premises. Father Masters, his associate, has been busily engaged on Wednesdays in delivering a series of lectures on the Bible. The Parish Council began to take a hard look at financial affairs. On the occasion of the Archbishop's visit, the question of disposing of some of the church property was broached since the cost of its maintenance proved to be a serious drain on the resources of the parish.

Bishop Morkovsky (center); Fr. LaBauve (left); Fr. Labbe (right).

HOUSTON, TEXAS

"Onward, Christian soldiers!" This ringing command spelled out in the solemn rites of Confirmation was given to a large class of 76 inductees into the "Church Militant" at St. Mary's Church in November last year. Although the parish no longer has a school, the weekly instructions were given in the CCD classes. Sister Mary Ann Flynn, a Religious of the Sacred Heart and Sister Guadalupe, a Dominican nun generously gave their time to prepare this select group. Several zealous volunteers from the parish also helped.

FORMER EDITOR PROMOTED

After having successfully directed the Urban Task Force on urban problems (U.S. Catholic Confidence) for over a year, Father Charles Burns former editor of the DIVINE WORD MESSENGER has been promoted as head of the New Jersey Catholic Conference. Prior to this, Father was associate executive secretary of the above-mentioned Task Force.

It was the startling report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, released in the Spring of 1968 that sparked the formation of the Urban Task Force by the American Bishops. Poverty and racial tension are considered the main issues to be handled.

Father Burns moves in an atmosphere suitable for the display of his talents. Besides being chairman of the staff directors for the Task Force, he is also a member of the National Committee of Negro Churchmen, a member of the Black Catholic Clergy Caucus and second vice-president of the International Foundation for Community Organization (I.F.C.O.). He was appointed to the staff of the United States Catholic Conference in November 1968.

Father Charles Burns, S.V.D.

Welcome to St. Augustine's Divine Word Novitiate

By MYRTLE R. BANKS

Editor's Note: The novices were admitted in September, but due to unforeseen circumstances these verses could not be published until now.)

Welcome Novices one and all
Who have heard the priestly call.
From Epworth's Divine Word College
Where you have received philosophical knowledge,
You've come down into the Sunny South
Almost to the Mississippi River's mouth.
You've come to Saint Louis' namesake Bay
For a momentous year here you will stay.
This year is called your novitiate
As you seriously pray and meditate.
In this momentous year of contemplation
You'll pray for strength to resist all temptation.
You'll search your soul and come face to face
With the Holy Spirit to help keep you in the state of grace.
Every path, every pew, every act that you do
Has already been experienced by others like you.
In your rooms as you ponder alone in thought
Know that others before you these same battles have fought.
In the chapel where you'll often kneel to pray
Through the stained glass windows will shine the sun's ray.
In this strenuous year you will be asked
To give of yourself to the most burdensome tasks.
Yes, countless services you'll be asked to render
To storm victims whether they are saints or sinners.
So your novitiate starts in a time of urgency
And you'll serve your fellowman in emergency.
And when at night you kneel to pray
With tired hands and feet you will humbly say
"O Lord I am not worthy to even come before You
But I offer my all in loving service. That's all I can do."
And when the novitiate year is ended
Let this my humble record be
Dear Lord, Your Name I've befriended
Every life which comes in touch with me.
O dear Sacred Heart of Jesus
From You I'll never sever!
Oh, hasten that holy Ordination Day
When I become *Your Priest Forever!*

Bishop Boudreaux poses with the newly ordained Fathers Dixon and James. Their ordinations raises the number of U.S. Negro Priests for 1969 to ten.

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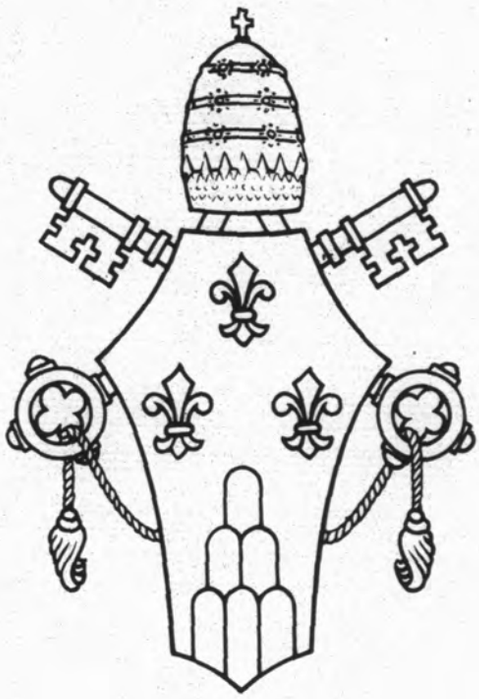

Pope Pius XI's Excerpt

"Does it not follow from the very nature of the Church as a Divine institution that every tribe or people should have priests who are one with it in race and character, in habit of thought and temperament? Aside from the fact that such priests will find a friendly welcome will they not also prove far more effective in leading their brethren into, and confirming them in the faith than any priest of any different race and from another country? May Saint Augustine's Mission House prosper greatly under the care of the American Episcopate, and may it attract a large attendance of Negro pupils inspired with pure intentions.!

From a letter of His Holiness, Pius XI on the occasion of the opening of the Seminary.

Most Rev. Joseph B. Brunini, D.D.,
Bishop of Natchez-Jackson

Very Reverend Leonard Olivier, S.V.D.
Rector
St. Augustine Seminary
Bay St. Louis, Miss. 39520
Dear Father Olivier:

"God gives the increase"

Certainly God has given the increase to the zealous labors and many sacrifices of the priests and brothers of the Society of the Divine Word in educating priests, particularly those of the Negro race, to the holy Priesthood, and to the Brotherhood.

I do not believe that even the enthusiasm of the Founding Fathers and their Superiors could have realized the rich harvest that would be gleaned over these fifty years.

Your Alumni — Bishops, Priests, Brothers and devoted laity — who have benefitted from your Seminary have spread throughout the world St. Augustine's spiritual and cultural and intellectual training. Not only has Mississippi received your priests, but also all sections of the United States as well as Latin America, Africa and even the holy city of Rome itself. God has certainly given a generous increase!

The Diocese of Natchez-Jackson of course has been very proud to cooperate with St. Augustine's Seminary over the years. We consider St. Augustine's a real jewel in the many apostolic works of our Diocese.

Trusting that the second fifty years will be as fruitful as these first fifty, and with best greetings to the present faculty and student body and staff, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Joseph B. Brunini

Joseph B. Brunini
Bishop of Natchez-Jackson

Remarks from the Provincial

Sentiments of gratitude, genuine and profound gratitude, well up in our minds and hearts as we reflect upon the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of St. Augustine's Seminary. In the first place, we give thanks to God, whose kind Providence inspired the Divine Word Missionaries under the guidance of Fathers Matthew Christmann and James Wendel to begin this vital work. In face of tremendous difficulties and despite opposition from within and from without, these valiant men of God set about their task with the determination to make it a success.

We owe a debt of appreciation to our friends and benefactors, lay as well as clerical, who through fifty golden years supported us by their encouragment, prayers and sacrifices.

We are grateful especially to the Hierarchy, and the various agencies of the Church, notably The American Board of Catholic Missions, and the Bureau of Negro and Indian Missions, for special funds to assist us through the years.

In a word, we are thankful to everybody who in any way has aided this foundation. We salute them on this occasion and ask God most fervently to reward their many sacrifices.

Indeed, we have every reason to rejoice for the many blessings of these fifty years. They have been productive of many priests and religious whose influence for good is increasingly felt all over our beloved country and beyond her borders. May we then in the words of Leviticus, "declare the fiftieth year sacred" for "this is to be the jubilee year."

Very Rev. John W. Bowman, S.V.D.
Provincial Superior

John W. Bowman, S.V.D.

The Society of the Divine Word

The Servant of God, Father Arnold Janssen, founded the Society of the Divine Word in Steyl, Holland in 1875. Being a missionary congregation, its members composed of priests and brothers are primarily concerned with the spread of the Faith particularly in non-Christian lands. The initials "S.V.D." stand for the title of the Society in the Latin language; the letters mean: *"Societas Verbi Divini"*—"Society of the Divine Word."

In its all embracing desire to bring all peoples to Christ, the Society has spread its salutary influence all over the various continents. Here in the United States, it has burgeoned into four large provinces. The 1969 report records membership as being over 5,000. Bishop Joseph Bowers in Ghana, Harold Perry in New Orleans, and Carlos Lewis in Panama are listed among the members.

Besides training students for the missionary priesthood the Society conducts several colleges for the education of the diocesan clergy and seminaries for the same purpose in South America and the Philippines.

Over half a million Christians in the foreign missions are entrusted to the Divine Word missionaries. If one takes North, South, and Central America together, these missionaries care for the spiritual welfare of more than five million Catholics.

The publication of Catholic literature also serves the missionary purposes of the Society. Since the Founder was at one time in charge of Catholic publication in his early days as a priest, he saw the great advantage of the press as a means to propagate the Faith. A host of pamphlets, booklets and leaflets pour out of the mission presses wherever the Society is established. In this country the Divine Word publications in Techny, Illinois and the DIVINE WORD MESSENGER at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi focus the attention of thousands of readers, while in Europe, "The Word in the World," St. Michael's Almanac," and the magazine "Stadt Gottes" likewise have hundreds of thousand subscribers.

The two religious communities of women founded by the same mission-minded Father Janssen—the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit and the Congregation of the Servants of the Holy Spirit of Perpetual Adoration—serve as counterparts of the Divine Word missionaries. The first named, as their title suggests, labor in all the mission areas of the Society. These missionary Sisters devote their efforts to the conversion of peoples, the education of children, the running of hospitals and maintaining dispensaries in home and foreign lands. The Congregation of the Servants of the Holy Spirit of Perpetual Adoration, as the title implies, was established to be the spiritual powerhouse of the two societies actively engaged in the mission fields; hence these members lead a contemplative life.

SEMINARY LOG

1905 Divine Word missionaries in Mississippi petition Superiors that a seminary in the deep South should be started for the training of Negro youth for the priesthood.

Apr. 23,
1919 Another urgent plea sent on the same matter to the Superiors.

Feb. 14,
1920 Divine Word headquarters in Rome give Father James Wendel permission to start a seminary.

Feb. 24,
1920 Death of Father Wendel on the same day that the permission arrived.
Father Christman appointed successor to Father Wendel to start the seminary.
Seminary started in Greenville, Mississippi with 14 students.

June
1923 Seminary moves to Bay St. Louis, Miss.

Sep. 23,
1923 Dedication of the new building.

1926 Graduation of the first class.

1928 Beginning of the major seminary.

Feb. 14,
1929 Death of Father Christman.

Nov. 1,
1934 Beginning of the training of Divine Word Brothers.

May 23,
1934 Ordination of the first priests; Fathers Vincent Smith, Maurice Rousseve, Francis Wade, and Anthony Bourges.

May 5,
1939 Religious vows of the first Brothers: Brothers Vincent and Conrad.

1939 First appointment of alumni to the Divine Word foreign missions: Fathers Bowers and Dauphine appointed to Ghana (then Gold Coast) Africa.

1945 25th anniversary of the Seminary.

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1950 Seminary becomes officially racially integrated.

Apr. 22,
1953 Consecration of Bishop Bowers for Diocese of Accra.

May 26,
1959 First priests alumni observe 25th anniversary of Ordination.

May
1963 High School Department of the Seminary affiliated with the Catholic University of America.

Oct. 3,
1965 Consecration of Bishop Carlos A. Lewis as Auxiliary of Panama City.

Jan. 6,
1966 Consecration of Bishop Harold R. Perry as Auxiliary of New Orleans, La.

Sept.
1967 High school department amalgamated with St. Stanislaus high, Bay St. Louis, Miss.

1970 50th anniversary of the Seminary.

WHEN THE DIVINE WORD

"You missionaries should work among the Negroes in the South! There you are urgently needed." Archbishop Quigley of Chicago offered this advice to the Divine Word missionaries engaged at the former St. Joseph's Technical School, which is now known as Divine Word Seminary, Techny, Illinois. This school, begun in 1900, was their first attempt to gain a foothold in the United States. The project, however, did not suit the missionary ideals of the Founder. For some time the Superior, Father Peil was toying with the idea of entering the mission field for the Negro; but where was he to start? As if to prove that the suggestion of the Archbishop was a gentle prodding of divine grace, there came an invitation from a Catholic white planter, Mr. Brennan, from Merigold, Mississippi to help the many Negroes working on his plantation. Father

Aloysius Heick was, therefore, sent in July 1905 to make the first start in mission work for the Society of this country. It was his intention to open a mission chapel and an industrial school. But there arose such a hue and cry, bolstered by open hostility from the neighboring white population, that Father Heich was forced to leave the mission to save his own life; hence the entire project had to be abandoned.

It has been said that the work of God can be impeded, but never stopped. Thus it happened that in January 1906, Bishop Heslin of Natchez suggested that Father Heick should make a start in Vicksburg where there was already a sprinkling of Catholic Negroes. In an old shanty opposite the railroad depot the undaunted missionary used to celebrate Holy Mass for his new chargers. A more humble beginning of what was to become in time one of the most flourishing missions could hardly be imagined.

It was not long, however, before friends interested in the home missions began to help. Some land and four small cabins were purchased. When September came, a small school with forty pupils taught by three Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Ghost had been established. While on a tour of the South, Mother Katharine Drexel paid

SIONARIES CAME SOUTH

a visit to the tiny mission. She was so impressed with its possibilities that she took it under her financial wing. Shortly afterwards the walls of a larger and more substantial school arose.

Urged on by the battle cry of the Society: "May the Heart of Jesus live in the hearts of man," the spiritual sons of Father Janssen pushed on for further strongholds in Mississippi. A mission chapel and school were established in Jackson in 1908; only now without much difficulty. Meridian opened its gates to the missionaries in 1910; Greenville welcomed them in 1913. It was here that the Sacred Heart High School — the first Catholic High School in Mississippi for Negroes — was started by these intrepid messengers of the Gospel. The mission at Greenville also has the distinction of being the birthplace of St. Augustine's Seminary.

Thus like the tiny mustard seed of the Gospel parable, the Negro missions, begun by the Divine Word Missionaries in Vicksburg, have branched out into eight States

of the Union: Arkansas, California, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey and Texas.

Although Father Heick's well-meant efforts at Merigold, Mississippi ended in dismal failure, it was not to be the end but the beginning of the heroic and persistent endeavors of the Divine Word missionaries, as mission history in the United States so clearly recorded.

ALUMNI BISHOPS

Three of our Divine Word Missionary Negro Priests have been chosen by The Holy Father to be Bishops: Bishop Joseph Bowers of Accra, Ghana - Bishop Carlos Lewis of Panama City, Panama - Bishop Harold Perry, auxiliary bishop of New Orleans, the first American Negro to be so honored in the United States.

His Excellency, Joseph Bowers, Bishop of Accra, Ghana, was the first alumnus to be raised to the episcopate in 1953.

His Excellency, Bishop Carlos A. Lewis, S.V.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Panama, was the second alumnus of St. Augustine's to be honored by the Holy Father.

His Excellency, Bishop Harold R. Perry, S.V.D., was the third alumnus to be chosen as bishop and the first American Negro Bishop. He serves as Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans.

Provincials of the Divine Word Southern Missions

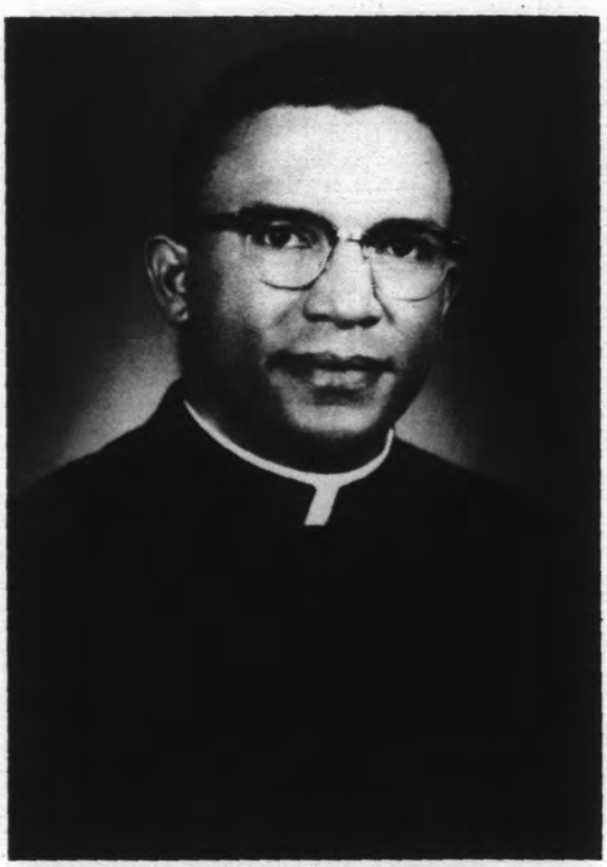
Rev. Joseph Eckert, S.V.D., first Provincial of the Southern Province, 1940.

Very Rev. Robert Pung, S.V.D., presently Rector of Divine Word College, Nemi, Italy, was the third provincial in 1955. Father Pung was also the Seminary's 9th Rector serving from 1952-55.

Rev. William C. Bauer, S.V.D., was the second Provincial of the Southern Province in 1949.

Provincials of the Divine Word Southern Missions (cont.)

Rev. Robert Hunter, S.V.D., served as the fourth Provincial of the Divine Word Southern Missions from 1958-64.



Bishop Harold Perry, S.V.D., took over as Provincial from Father Hunter in 1964 prior to being named America's first Negro Bishop. He served as Seminary Rector from 1958-64.

Very Rev. John Bowman, S.V.D., present Provincial filled in the remaining time of Bishop Perry's term and was subsequently elected to a full term in 1965.

Original Sacred Heart College, Greenville, Miss., later became the first St. Augustine's Seminary in 1920. Father Matthew Christman, S.V.D., founder of the Seminary, is shown on the veranda.

"Repairing the priest's house at Bay St. Louis Seminary in 1921" reads the inscription.

Pictured is the first scholasticate building in 1928-1929. This structure faced the famous Spanish Trail.

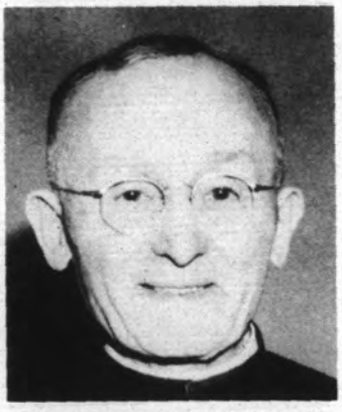
Faculty of 1928.

RECTORS OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S THROUGH THE YEARS

Rev. Matthew Christman, S.V.D.
1920 - '29.

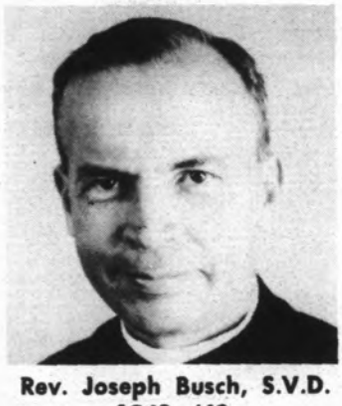
Rev. Gerard Stieg, S.V.D.
1929 — for a few months.

Rev. Gerard Heffels, S.V.D.
(circled) was the seminary's 3rd Rector.



Rev. Gerard Esser, S.V.D.
1934 - '37.

Rev. John Gasper, S.V.D.
1937 - '43; 1964 - '67.



Rev. Joseph Busch, S.V.D.
1943 - '49.

Rev. Clarence Howard, S.V.D., the 7th rector, was in office for a few months filling in until Father Walsh was named.

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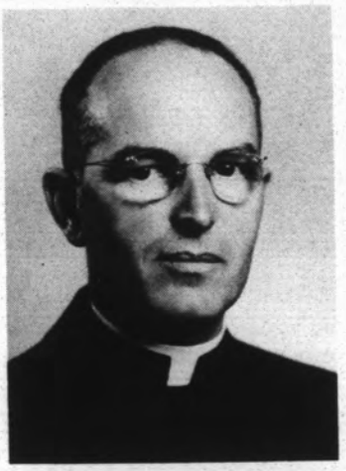


Rev. Lawrence Walsh, S.V.D.
1949 - '52.

Rev. Robert Pung, S.V.D.
1952 - '55.

Rev. Paul Kuhl, S.V.D., was the 10th rector of the seminary serving from 1955 - '56. He is presently treasurer of the Divine Word Tertiate, Nemi, Italy.

Rev. William Adams, S.V.D., was Rector from 1956 - '58.

Bishop Harold R. Perry
served as Seminary Rector from 1958 - 1964.

Rev. Leonard Olivier, S.V.D., present Rector, took over in 1967.

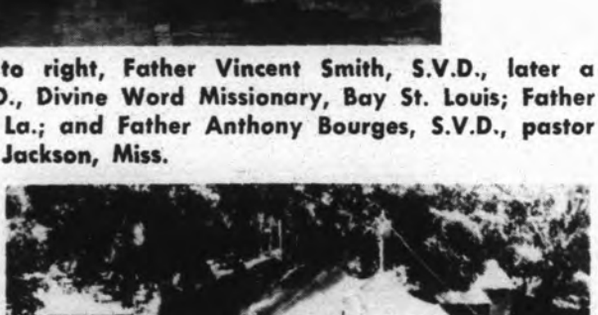
MORE PICTURES FROM THE SEMINARY SCRAP BOOK

Original Brothers' House at Bay St. Louis (1927).

The Seminary's first kitchen and dining room in 1923.

MAY 23, 1934 FIRST ORDINATION CLASS—Left to right, Father Vincent Smith, S.V.D., later a Trappist, now deceased; Father Francis Wade, S.V.D., Divine Word Missionary, Bay St. Louis; Father Maurice Rousseve, pastor of St. Joseph's, Maurice, La.; and Father Anthony Bourges, S.V.D., pastor of Holy Ghost, Jackson, Miss.

Faculty building of the seminary in the 1930's.



To provide ample space the first Ordination was held under a tent.

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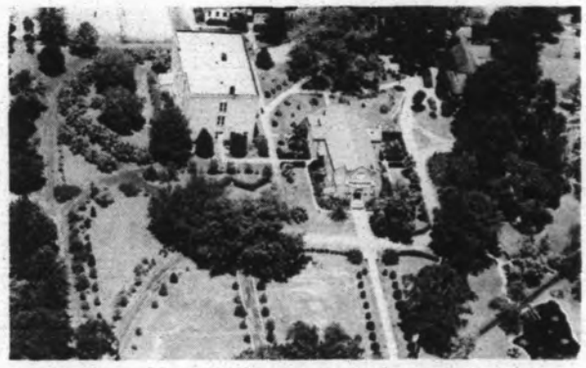
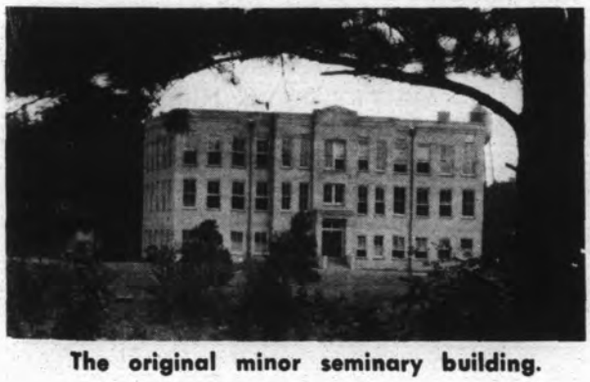
An early view of the seminary.



An old aerial view of the seminary in the year 1949.

Original entrance to the chapel. At present, the arch is gone and a road leads to the chapel.



The original minor seminary building.

St. Joseph's Hall, Bay St. Louis, shortly after completion.

LIST OF ALUMNI OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S

ORDAINED PRIEST ALUMNI OF ST. AUGUSTINE LABORING IN THE LORD'S VINEYARD

Class	Post
I. 1934	
Rev. Anthony Bourges, S.V.D., Pastor	Holy Ghost Church, Jackson, Miss.
Rev. Maurice Rousseve, S.V.D., Pastor	St. Joseph's Church, Maurice, La.
Rev. Vincent Smith, S.V.D.	R.I.P.
Rev. Francis Wade, S.V.D.	Ret., Divine Word Seminary, Bay St. Louis, Miss.
II. 1937	
Rev. Clarence Howard, S.V.D., Pastor	St. Patrick's Church, Oakland, Calif. On leave
Rev. Francis Wells, S.V.D.	
III. 1939	
Most Rev. Joseph Bowers, S.V.D. (Ordained in Rome)	Bishop, Diocese of Accra, Ghana, Africa
Very Rev. John Bowman, S.V.D., Provincial	Southern Province, Bay St. Louis, Miss.
Rev. George Chachere, S.V.D. (Ordained in Rome)	R.I.P.
Rev. John Dauphiné, S.V.D., Pastor	St. Joseph's Church, Broussard, La.
Rev. John Kist, S.V.D.	R.I.P.
Rev. Royal Woods, S.V.D.	On leave
IV. 1941	
Rev. Leander Martin, S.V.D.	Ret., Divine Word Seminary, Bay St. Louis, Miss.
Rev. Max Williams, S.V.D.	Ret., Divine Word Seminary, Bay St. Louis, Miss.
Rev. George Wilson, S.V.D., Editor	DIVINE WORD MESSENGER
Rev. Richard Winters, S.V.D.	Mission Catholique, Fatundu,Rep. Dem. du Congo
V. 1941	
Rev. Alexander Leedie, S.V.D.	On leave
VI. 1944	
Most Rev. Harold R. Perry, S.V.D.	Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of New Orleans
VII. 1945	
Rev. William Adams, S.V.D., Pastor	St. Malachy's Church, Los Angeles, Calif.
Rev. Arthur Winters, S.V.D., Pastor	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lafayette, La.
VIII. 1949	
Rev. Mark Figaro, S.V.D., Pastor	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Martinville, La.
Most Rev. Carlos A. Lewis, S.V.D.	Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Panama
Rev. Curtis Washington, S.V.D.	Catholic Mission, Assewa, Africa
IX. 1950	
Very Rev. Joseph Francis, S.V.D., Provincial	Western Province, Los Angeles, Calif.
X. 1951	
Rev. John LaBauve, S.V.D., Pastor	St. Mary's Church, Houston, Texas
Very Rev. Leonard Olivier, S.V.D., Rector	St. Augustine's Seminary, Bay St. Louis, Miss.
XI. 1952	
Rev. Thaddeus Boucree, Pastor	St. Joseph's Church, Elton, La.
Rev. Gerald Lewis, S.V.D.	Verbum Dei High School, Los Angeles, Calif.
XII. 1953	
Rev. Vance Thorne, S.V.D., Pastor	St. John's Church, Waco, Texas
Rev. Hubert Singleton, S.V.D.	On leave

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GEMS OF THOUGHT FROM SAINT AUGUSTINE

O Lord grant that I may know myself and that I may know Thee!

* * *

Because Thou hast made me, I owe myself to Thee. Because Thou hast become man for me and hast redeemed me, I would owe Thee more than myself if I had it.

* * *

The Christian struggle is a great battle because one has to fight to conquer an enemy which is unseen.

* * *

Penance is only anger at oneself.

* * *

Eternity, as a word *has four syllables; as a* fact *it has no end.*

* * *

A little thing is but a little thing. But to be faithful in little things is a very big thing.

* * *

No one does well what he does against his will, even though what he does is good.

* * *

Prayer is man's strength and God's weakness.

* * *

God has created us without cooperation. But He will not save us without our cooperation.

* * *

If a bad person offends you, forgive him, otherwise there will be two bad persons.

* * *

One loving heart sets another on fire.

* * *

Thou hast made us O Lord for Thyself, and our heart shall find no rest till it rests in Thee.

St. Augustine — Patron of Divine Word Seminary, Bay St. Louis, Miss.

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Time loses no time.

LIST OF ALUMNI OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S—cont.

Class	Post
XIII. 1955	
Rev. Edward Baur, S.V.D.	Mission Seminary, Kairiru, New Guinea
Rev. Bernard Keller, S.V.D., Pastor	St. Augustine's Church, North Little Rock, Ark.
Rev. Elmer Powell, S.V.D.	Vice Rector, St. Peter's College, Rome, Italy
Rev. John Sheerin, S.V.D.	Koge S. Michaelis, New Guinea
Rev. Francis Theriault, S.V.D., Pastor	St. Augustine's Church, New Orleans, La.
XIV. 1957	
Rev. George Heffner, S.V.D., Pastor	St. Rose de Lima, Bay St. Louis, Miss.
Rev. August Lang, S.V.D.	Colegio San José, Ecuador, S.A.
Rev. Jerome LeDoux, S.V.D., Chaplain	Xavier University, New Orleans, La.
Rev. Joseph Guidry, S.V.D., Pastor	St. Gabriel Church, Mound Bayou, Miss.
Rev. Raymond Guidry, S.V.D.	Armed Service U.S.A.
XV. 1958	
Rev. Fisher Robinson, S.V.D., Principal	Verbum Dei High School, Los Angeles, Calif.
Rev. William Oliver, S.V.D., Director	Holy Rosary Institute, Lafayette, La.
XVI. 1959	
Rev. John Coady, S.V.D.	Catholic Mission, Accra, Ghana, Africa
Rev. Gerald Garry, S.V.D.	Divine Word College, Washington, D.C.
Rev. James Henry, S.V.D.	Verbum Dei High School, Los Angeles, Calif.
XVII. 1960	
Rev. Dominic Carmon, S.V.D., Pastor	St. Elizabeth's Church, Chicago, Ill.
Rev. Robert Hoffman, S.V.D.	On leave
Rev. Francis Shigo, S.V.D.	Verbum Dei High School, Los Angeles, Calif.
Rev. Lawrence Thornton, S.V.D., (Ordained in Techny, Ill.)	Ghana, Africa
XVIII. 1961	
Rev. Raymond Caesar, S.V.D.	Holy Spirit Seminary, New Guinea
Rev. Edwin Gears, S.V.D.	Catholic Church, Shampura, India
Rev. Malcolm O'Leary, S.V.D., Pastor	St. Francis Church, Yazoo City, Miss.
Rev. Thomas Potts, S.V.D.	Divine Word Novitiate, Ghana, Africa
Rev. Reynold Schnyder, S.V.D.	On leave
Rev. Joseph Simon, S.V.D.	Divine Word Seminary, Epworth, Iowa
Rev. Wilbert White, S.V.D., Procurator	Divine Word Seminary, Bay St. Louis, Miss.
XIX. 1962	
Rev. George Artis, S.V.D., Pastor	St. Paul the Apostle, Baton Rouge, La.
Rev. Charles Burns, S.V.D., Director	Task Force, Washington, D.C.
Rev. Edwin Cabey, S.V.D., (Ordained in Rome)	Divine Word College, Epworth, Iowa
Rev. Anthony Dugay, S.V.D.	St. John's College, Ghana, Africa
Rev. Hartfield Myvett, S.V.D.	Immaculate Conception, Guadalajara, Mexico
XX. 1963	
Rev. Patrick Canavan, S.V.D.	Hongkong
Rev. Monroe Cheeks, S.V.D.	On leave
Rev. Abel Dicks, S.V.D.	On leave
Rev. Patrick Ruane, S.V.D.	SS. Peter and Paul, Khandwa, India
XXI. 1964	
Rev. Victor Butler, S.V.D. (Ordained at Techny, Ill.)	Divine Word Seminary, Bordentown, N.J.
Rev. Stanley Farier, S.V.D. (Ordained in Rome)	St. Francis De Paula Rectory, 7822 Dobson Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Rev. James Langan, (Ordained in Ireland)	St. Patrick's College, Roscommon, Ireland
Rev. Byron LaSalle, S.V.D.	On leave
Rev. Francis Laug, S.V.D. (Ordained in Germany)	B.V.M. de Perpetuo Succursu, Witihana, Indonesia
Rev. Michael Moody, S.V.D.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Martinville, La.
Rev. Eugene Reinhardt, S.V.D. (Ordained in Germany)	St. Joseph's Seminary, Bangued Abra, Philippines
Rev. Lawrence Silver, S.V.D.	R.I.P.

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A GROUP OF FATHERS-BROTHERS

A group of Divine Word Missionaries convening for the annual Retreat.

Some of our Brothers in a restful pose.

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XXII. 1965	
Rev. Borgia Aubespin, S.V.D.	Divine Word College, Bohol, Philippines
Rev. Charles Boykins, S.V.D.	Catholic Church, Battor, Ghana, Africa
Rev. Ramon Joseph, S.V.D.	Colegio Verbo Divino, Guaranda, Ecuador
Rev. James LaChapelle, S.V.D., (Ordained in Rome)	St. Elizabeth,'s Church, Chicago, Ill.
Rev. Gerhard Vogel, S.V.D.	Divine Word Seminary, Bay St. Louis, Miss.
Rev. John Wynn, S.V.D.	On leave
XXIII. 1966	
Rev. John Krieg, S.V.D.	Catholic Rectory, Cagayan A-301, Philippines
Rev. Nathan Willis, S.V.D.	Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lafayette, La.
XXIV. 1967	
Rev. Raymond Jones, S.V.D., Prefect	Divine Word Seminary, Bay St. Louis, Miss.
Rev. Cecilio Jayme, S.V.D.	Minor Seminary, Cebu City, Philippines
Rev. William Kelley, S.V.D., Vocational Director	Divine Word Seminary, Bay St. Louis, Miss.
Rev. Thomas Lynch, S.V.D.	On leave
Rev. Giuseppe Pascotto, S.V.D.	Paroecia Spiritus Sancti, Padova, Italy
Rev. John Oubre, S.V.D.	Divine Word Seminary, Bay St. Louis, Miss.
Rev. James Steib, S.V.D.	Divine Word Seminary, Bay St. Louis, Miss.
XXV. 1968	
Rev. Romeo Benetti, S.V.D.	Missionaria del Verbo, Divino, Verona, Italy
Rev. Clement Blech, S.V.D.	Kuli, Regina Ssmi, Rosarii BMV, New Guinea
Rev. John Gerding, S.V.D., Provincial Procurator (Ordained at Girard, Pa.)	Southern Province, Bay St. Louis, Miss.
Rev. Lothar Kreitz, S.V.D.	Post Graduate studies, Notre Dame, Ind.
XXVI. 1969	
Rev. George Agger, S.V.D., (Ordained in Techny, Ill.)	Techny Theologate, Chicago, Ill.
Rev. John Fitzgerald, S.V.D., (Ordained in Ireland)	In Ireland
Rev. Clifton Labbe, S.V.D.	Assigned to Southern Province
Rev. Brendan Moran, S.V.D., (Ordained in Ireland)	In England
Rev. Michael Murphy, S.V.D., (Ordained in Ireland)	In Philippines
Rev. Patrick O'Regan, S.V.D., (Ordained in Ireland)	Post Graduate Studies, Chicago, Ill.
Rev. George Roessmann, S.V.D.	Emilliana Zapata, Morelos, Mexico
XXVII. 1969	
Rev. Alvin Dixon, S.V.D.	Assigned to Southern Province
Rev. Ernesto Lagura, S.V.D.	Techny Theologate, Chicago, Ill.
Rev. James Thomas, S.V.D.	Assigned to Western Province

List on ordained alumni from St. Augustine's Seminary indicates that 27 ordinations have taken place and there are 102 alumni internationally represented.

Included in the list are 3 bishops; 1 rector; 1 vice-rector; 2 administrators of institutions; 17 pastors; and 31 laboring in foreign countries.

Twenty-four alumni have come from foreign countries, including the West Indies, Panama, Ireland, the Philippines, Italy, Germany.

SOME FORMER STUDENTS

Minor Seminarians.

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College Students at Divine Word Seminary, Epworth, Iowa.

Major Seminarians.

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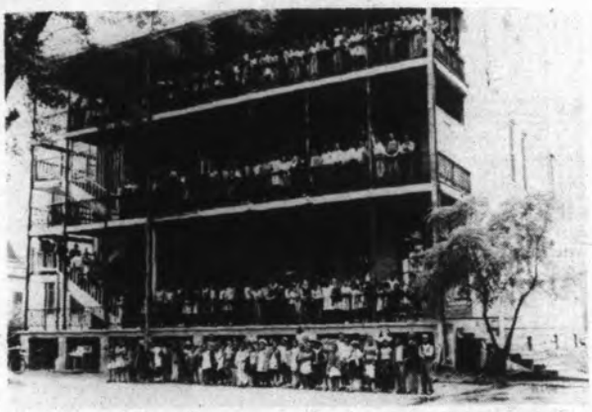
Brother Joachim Brignac, S.V.D., New Orleans product, is an instructor at Holy Rosary Institute. He is seen demonstrating a basic principle of a motor driven hacksaw.



Original school building at St. Peter's Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Divine Word Missionaries conduct parishes among Spanish American in Luling, Tex.

Father Friedel, S.V.D., presently stationed in Jeanarette, La., was formerly pastor of St. Bartholomew's, Little Rock, Ark.

"A proper diet is essential to being healthy," Sister explains to the children at St. Peter's.

Father Anthony Bourges, S.V.D., pastor of Holy Ghost parish, Jackson, Miss., with one of his many yearly convert classes. At the moment Father is building a new parish church.

HOME MISSIONS ACTIVITIES

The new St. Peter's school, Pine Bluff, Ark., Father Joseph Kehrer, S.V.D., the "Carpenter Priest" built not only the school, but the Rectory and new sisters convent.

Holy Rosary's students always fare well in state-wide competition in the applied arts.

Father Clement Mathias, S.V.D., pastor of Holy Cross parish, Austin, Texas, discusses problems with a Christian Family group.

Missionaries from the Southern Province concelebrate Mass during the annual retreat.

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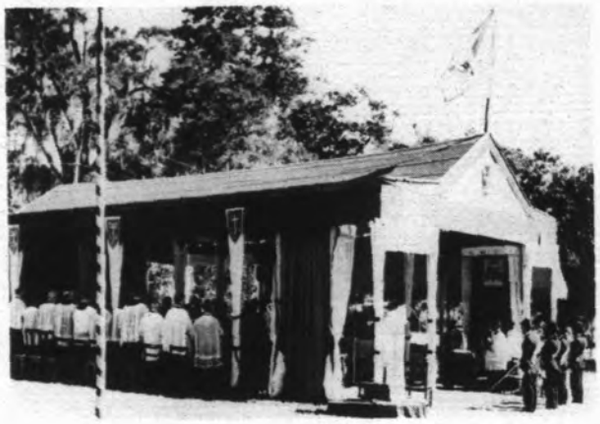

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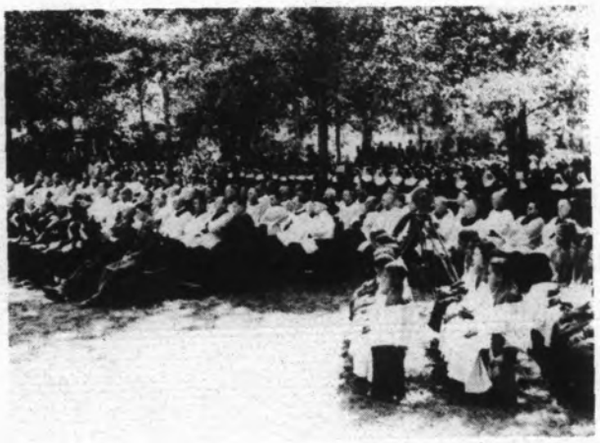

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ALUMNI IN VARIOUS POSTS AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

Rev. Elmer Powell, S.V.D. is Vice-Rector of St. Peter's College, Rome.

Father Clarence Howard, S.V.D., served as Editor of Divine Word Messenger, Acting Rector, before his assignment to New Guinea.

Father Raymond Guidry is a foreign missionary. At present he is chaplain in U.S. Armed Forces stationed in Viet Nam.

Father August Lang, S.V.D., is an alumnus working in Ecuador, South America.

Rev. Charles D. Burns, S.V.D., Executive Director, Task Force of Urban Affairs for The Catholic Bishops Conference.

Two alumni in the missions — Bishop Bowers and Father George Wilson, S.V.D., presently Editor of Divine Word Messenger, to the bishop's left.

Circled are alumni of St. Augustine's working in Ghana, Africa. To the left is Brother Henry Miller, S.V.D., and to the right is Br. Stephen Dorsey, S.V.D.

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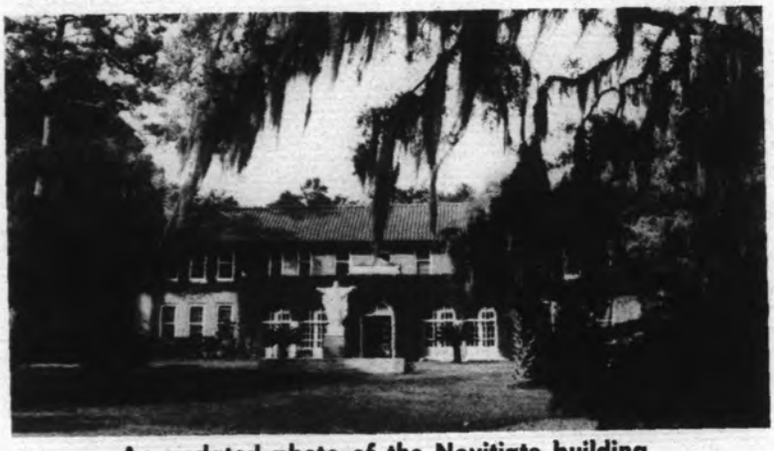

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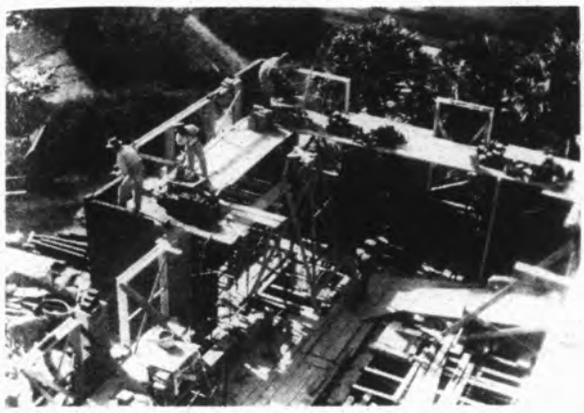

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The Sacred Heart Wayside Shrine overlooks U.S. Highway 90. A tornado struck the shrine area with Hurricane Camille, but the shrine was not touched.

Thanks

For all the favors and benefits bestowed on St. Augustine's seminary during the past 50 years we give thanks, in the first place, to Almighty God. As a loving Father He has watched over our struggling attempts to do His work, and His blessings have been heaped on us generously, lavishly.

Under God we give thanks to all our friends and benefactors, both clerical and lay, to those who have given of their little, as well as to those who have given of their plenty — to each and every one who by word or deed or both has tried to help promote our cause. In deep and sincere gratitude we feel we must mention by name the American Board of Catholic Missions and the Commission for Catholic Missions among the Colored People and the Indians, from whom St. Augustine's Seminary has received substantial financial assistance through the years. Also deserving of special thanks are those zealous individuals who have formed small groups of persons whose main purpose is to help our Seminary.

In conclusion, we gratefully recommend all our friends and benefactors to the Kindness and Mercy of Our Father in Heaven. May He, in His own way, reward them. And we add the prayer that we may deserve the continuance of their help in the future.

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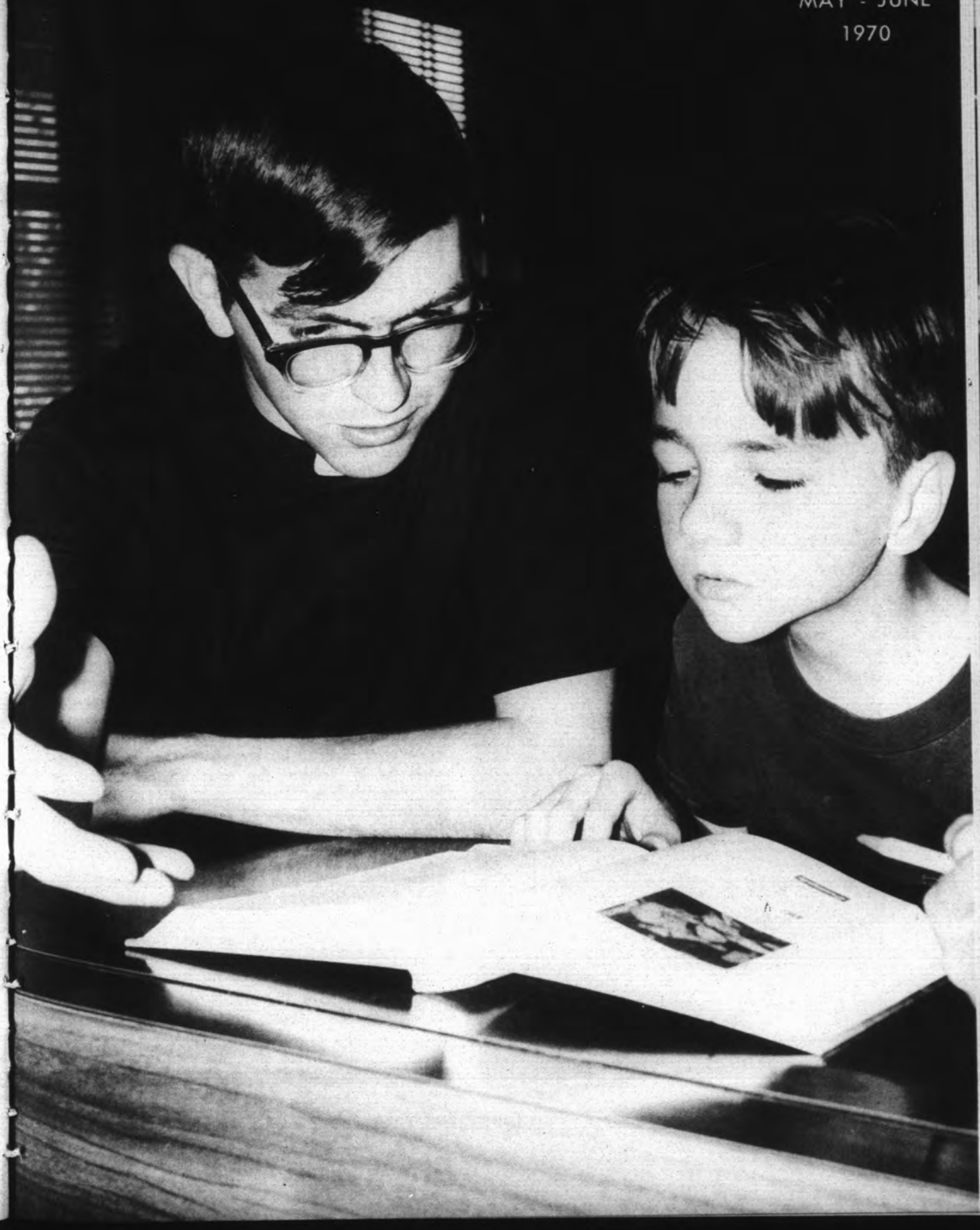

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Father John Oubre, S.V.D., is stationed at Divine Word Seminary, Riverside, California.

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An Electron of Inspiration

When someone sought to compliment Thomas Edison by calling him a genius, he replied: "Genius is one per cent *inspiration* and ninety-nine per cent *perspiration.*" By this remark the great inventor wanted to convey to his admirer that it was the constant desire to improve himself in his scientific investigations that brought the success he enjoyed.

By applying this statement of Edison to spiritual matters one can say that the desire of improving spiritually is what makes the difference between a saint, who is a success and a sinner, who is a failure. Here is good Pope John XXIII's definition of a saint. "One who keeps on *trying to be good* is a saint." The lives of the saints prove the worth of this assertion. St. Anthony of Egypt, for instance, was not satisfied with being just an ordinary Christian. He had a great desire to improve his way of life. Whenever he heard of a Christian who excelled in the practice of a particular virtue, Anthony would become his pupil. In this way, he became a model of virtuous living. After his baptism, Pachomius likewise was preoccupied with the thought of how best to correspond with the grace he had received through that Sacrament. He followed the same course of action as St. Anthony, and is today honored with the title of "Saint" prefixed to his name. St. Therese of Lisieux was quite definitely determined to be more than an ordinary religious Sister. She made use of the ups and downs of her humdrum life in the convent as stepping stones to virtue.

St. Ambrose gives us the assurance that when one has a great desire to improve in virtue, God is so pleased that He enriches that soul with many graces. An example of such graces can be found in the ecstatic outbursts of some of His servants. St. Augustine, enamored with the contemplation of the beauty of God used to sigh regretfully: "Too late have I loved Thee, O Beauty so ancient and so new!" St. Francis of Assisi, inflamed with love of God would pass hours in the night exclaiming: "My God and my all!" St. Julie Billiart, amazed at God's goodness would be heard repeating: "How good is the good God!"

One of the chief reasons why many souls make so little or no progress living a virtuous life is because they are not sufficiently interested in doing so. What God asks for us is *sincere effort;* He will bring about the *good effect.* Who, for instance, cannot *try* to pray well, be kind to someone who is disagreeable? The author of the "imitation of Christ" has this to say: "Oh, if thou didst consider what peace thou wouldst procure for thyself, and what joy for others, I think thou wouldst be more eager for thy spiritual progress." (Imitation I:II)

Jubilee Panorama: *The Students*

An enthusiastic seminarian of the class of 1928 formed a club; it was called "St. Augustine's Buds of Future Fruit," a forerunner of the Future Priest Club. The title was a fortunate augury. The youthful seer seemed to have peered through the gap of the curtain of his time into the hazy distant future. A continuous stream of priests happily wending their way through the hallowed portals of the seminary presented itself before his vision. That prophetic view has become a reality, for the 102 priests have left St. Augustine's Seminary to labor in the vineyard of the Lord.

According to statistics, 925 students have entered this seminary over the fifty years of its existence. At the same time of the Silver Jubilee in 1945, the register numbered 359. The 566 students who have been enrolled since 1945 show an increase of 207 or 157.7% over the first twenty five years.

Where did these seminarians come from? From 34 States of the Union, Central and South America . . . and even Europe. Of the 925 students, 503 claim Louisiana as their homeland. The class of 1951 has the distinction thus far, of having the largest enrollment — 38 students, while the class of 1922 has an entry of only four. The average class of new students ranged in the twenties.

Where did they go? They have been active in all parts of the world; it was just a few months ago that one of them gave vivid account of his work as a teacher in Hongkong.

Translating the theory of the classroom into practice was spelled out by a variety of extracurricular activities. The seminarians were encouraged to form study clubs besides taking part in sports. The Mission Club in particular whetted their interest in the practical problems of the home as well as foreign missions. Involvement with the Stamp and Rosary departments . . . two efficient means in raising funds for the missions gave invaluable insight into the importance which finance plays in mission work. The liturgical club, in a unique manner, breathed life into the dry bones of the classes on public worship.

It was not however in the design of Divine Providence that every student should become a priest. The frightening array of studies which had to be dealt with became the "Waterloo" of many a gallant aspirant. One elderly candidate, for instance, used to rise early, quietly betake himself to the classroom and with a towel wrapped about his graying head, plunge into the intricacies of the Latin language. Such praiseworthy student eventually chose careers in the medical and teaching fields as well as assuming governmental posts where they became prominent. The alumni of the seminary have been good propaganda for its continued existence.

OUR LADY: THE SACRAMENT OF THE THIRD WORLD

JAMES D. ROCHE, S.J.

Sacrament of the Third World! This title Father Patrick Peyton assigns these days to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He contends that this title is both contemporary and appropriate.

Father Peyton knows the Third World very well. He has just recently returned from one area of it, Guate-

Father Peyton discussing the Rosary with some Latin American children.

mala. This tireless priest, inveterate traveler, pioneer in religious mass media, "Rosary Apostle" has full charter to speak and to be heard, for no Pope or President, neither Bob Hope nor Billy Graham would lay claim to having talked face-to-face with so many of his fellow men, even though at times his only language was a twined Rosary held aloft.

Father Peyton talks easily of Mary, and an expression that keeps cropping up in his language, whether he is preaching at the top of his lungs to a cluster of microphones or conducting a whispered confidence with someone who has come to him for counsel is: "Mary is alive. Think of her that way!" It is her "aliveness" that makes him want to speak of her as a "Sacrament."

"A Sacrament as the theologians describe it," he observes, "is a sign instituted by Christ to give grace."

"Mary," he adds, "is 'the Great Sign' of our day. She is so by her visibility, her lovability, her reliability, and her pertainability." Under those headings, Father Pat develops his theme at length, declaring that it is no matter for wonder because as her own voice announced, all generations shall call her blessed.

"Wherever you go," he adds, "you find the clear signs of her presence: Cathedrals, shrines, liturgy, statues, grottos, rosaries, cross road ikons. How many millions have been given or have taken her name?" It is nothing more than the pledge of her motherhood. All nations feel at home with her.

Another fact which Father Pat ascribes as a token of the visibility of Mary is the modesty of women in the Third World. "I am continually overwhelmed," he exclaims, "by the modesty of the world's poor. Mary is their model. She is their Queen. Her picture is everywhere. The modesty comes from no other source. Certainly, it is not taught by the fashions of the world of affluence."

Switching to the topic of the lovability of the Blessed Mother, Father Pat quoted a snatch of correspondence addressed to him by the Archbishop of Quayaquil, Bernadino Echeverria Ruis:

> "As you know, Father Peyton," the Archbishop wrote, "I believe that devotion to the Blessed Virgin is the basis for the re-Christianization of the world; the Rosary is the catechetical form that is most understood by the people . . ."

To support his affirmation of the lovability of the Blessed Virgin, Father

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Pat cited a stream of statistics of all the sacrifices that have been made by people of the Third World to honor her: coming long distances on foot, worn and hungry, standing long hours at rallies, travelling all night back home.

"I am not without critics," he said, "who ask why I permit these sacrifices. Some accuse me of 'angelism' which means asking a starving or half-naked man to pray instead of first bringing him food or clothes. Is it any answer to put a rosary in a poor man's hand? My answer is that prayer is the first and most powerful step to justice . . . and the shortest step."

"When a man prays, he will not exploit his neighbor. If a rich man prays, he will share what he has willingly. When a man doesn't pray, he's blind. Prayer awakens us, sensitizes us to feel our neighbor's wounds as well as our own. When a mans has little of this world's goods, he first needs faith, and prayer is a source of faith, hope and charity. When during a Family Prayer Crusade I have all the priests of a diocese before me, I say to them: 'I am not here to ask you to join me in making conversations, in bringing people back to the Sacraments, in mending invalid marriages. No, all I ask you to do with your wonderful people is to teach them to pray. All will follow if you get the people to pray. If you try to solve the country's problems without the first small step of prayer, you are dreaming idle dreams."

Father Pat then turned to the theme of her reliability. "Our Lady," he asserted, "has always been our Lady of Victory, and anyone who has put Our Lady of Victory, and anyone who has put Our Lady in charge of his life knows that I do not exaggerate. I can testify to this from personal experience. Who can doubt that Our Lady is reliable? There have been countless witnesses who can proclaim with St. Bernard: 'Never was it known that anyone who fled to her protection was left unaided.' I've been privileged to witness many overwhelming interventions by Mary on behalf of individuals and nations, delivered from the gravest threats and dangers."

Turning finally, to the pertainability of Mary as being the Sacrament of the Third World, Father Pat spoke first of how "easy she is of access."

"She is the heart that keeps me alive. She gives me a fresh burst of enthusiasm every day. If I have a 'secret' that is it. She is so relevant to all our problems; hence I call her 'the sacrament of the Third World.' People know that she understands them and their problems. I have seen this time and time again. The Rosary is their storybook and their catechism. Yes, Mary is relevant for our day as well as when Christianity was young."

"I am not propounding a mystery," he concluded. "All too many so-called friends of Mary are silent. They are afraid or ashamed to speak her name. Sometimes they forget that Mary is alive. She is, and we musn't forget it."

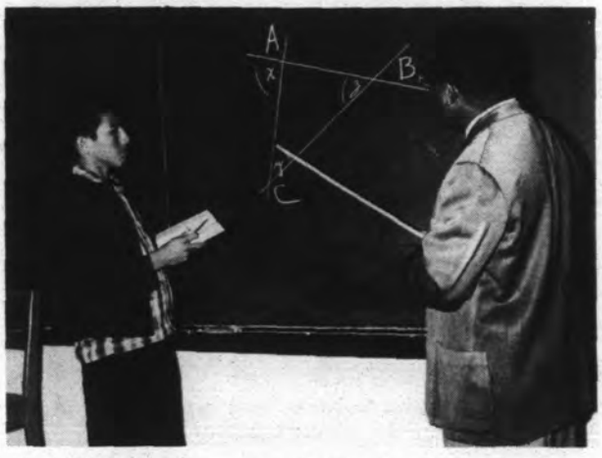
THE EMERGING LAYMAN

The layman's emerging—
Who let him out?
He's going to cause confusion
Without any doubt.
He's going to start checking
If things are all right.
He may even wonder
If Father is real bright.
Who taught that chap
To pray out loud?
He was easier to handle
In a nice quiet crowd.
Someone grab his missal—
Swipe his hymn book too.
Nudge him off the lectern
Back into the pew.
Submerge that layman—
Lower the boom!
We'll have the church again
Quiet as a tomb.

ACTION, THE FRUIT OF KNOWLEDGE

Actual exhilarating experience in sports.

A Sacred Heart Brother transmits knowledge for future action.



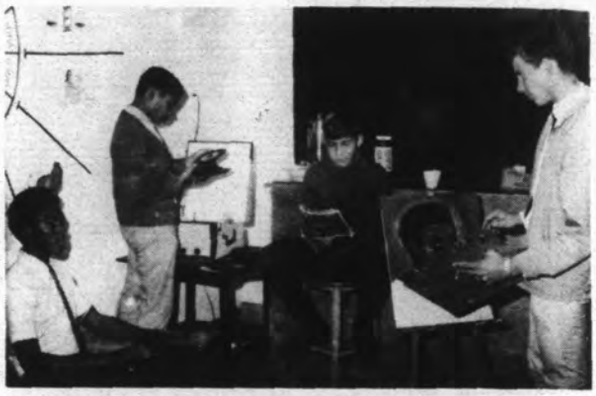
Mr. Charles Henry, professor for future priests through many of seminary's historic years and also an alumnus, aids student in problem solving.

Scientific knowledge gained through experiment.

While aiding in the renewal of vows, the Retreat Master also helps seminarian in making correct decisions.

ACTION, THE FRUIT OF KNOWLEDGE (Continued)

Perhaps one or more future journalists.



Translating the theory of the classroom into practice is spelled out by a variety of extra-curricula activities.

Seminarian ably assisted in a closer step to the priesthood.

Major seminarians as hosts to annual convention of the Seminarians Catholic Action Study of the South (SCASS); purpose: how to promote stronger love for and devoted service to the Church.

Novices prepare to distribute Easter baskets of food to families in the area.

West Indian Priest Feted

Father Thomas Glasgow
Ordained in Hometown

The friendly inhabitants of Castries, the capital of St. Lucia in the West Indies, appeared to be in unusual ferment of excitement on December 21, 1969. Even a casual visitor sensed

Reverend Thomas Glasgow

something extraordinary was going to happen. The gaily dressed crowd gave that impression as it merrily sauntered and jogged along to the imposing cathedral. To the query of such a newcomer on the island for the reason of such joy, which was contagious, would have received a reply like this: "One of our countrymen is going to be ordained a priest!" And so it was . . . Thomas Gaspard Glasgow, a native son, was to become a priest.

Words are inadequate to express the sentiment of happiness which flooded the hearts of his parents, Clayton Glasgow and Ursula Glasgow, when at the close of the impressive ceremonies, their priestly son bestowed his first blessing on them.

The third of three boys, Thomas Glasgow began the rudiments of education in St. Aloysius Grammar School. His island, however, was too small to satisfy that knowledge which would prepare him for his goal; the priesthood. Arrangements were eventually made to have the gifted student enter the Divine Word Seminary at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. In keeping with the availing custom, he made the rounds of the different seminaries of the Divine Word missionaries to obtain the knowledge required for his future career. For this reason the youthful Glasgow was at "Miramar," Duxbury, Massachusetts in 1960; the Divine Word College in Conesus, New York in 1964; and the Divine Word College in Epworth, Iowa in 1965 where he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science.

On his return to Bay St. Louis to take up the study of theology in 1966, the zealous seminarian became very much interested in social work. Believing that a large city could offer full scope for such activities, he obtained permission to join the archdiocese of New Orleans. His theological studies were continued at the archdiocesan seminary of Notre Dame. The special program launched presented the eager novice in social studies with ample opportunities to prove his mettle. Success smiled on him, and in the summer of 1968, the fledgling social worker became the director of activities in St. David's parish.

The Most Reverend Patrick Webster, O.S.B., bishop of Grenada ordained him for his chosen field of labors. Representing the archdiocese at the ordination was the Very Reverend Earl G. Woods, chancellor. In the presence of his devoted parents, relatives and friends assembled in the cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Father Glasgow celebrated his first Mass on the day following his ordination.

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Some Alumni Missionaries

AN INTERVIEW WITH FATHER WASHINGTON

An Alumnus of St. Augustine's Seminary Stationed in Ghana

To the parishioners of St. Dominic's parish in Columbus, Ohio, the stately Reverend Curtis Washington, S.V.D., with the engaging smile is no stranger. It was during his recent sabbatical leave

Reverend Curtis Washington, S.V.D.

from his mission in Ghana, Africa that the following interview was arranged so that others to whom he may be a stranger may get a glimpse of the fervor with which he is still aglow after twenty years in missionary service.

Interviewer: Father Washington, your interesting letters about the progress of your Divine Word Missionaries show that you are forging ahead in spite of difficulties.

Father Washington: Correct! In spite of the language barrier, the pagan customs and the enervating climate, we have no intention "to throw in the towel" . . . to borrow a current phrase; for the main purpose of our missionary work is to train African leaders.

Interviewer: When do you expect to reach your goal?

Father Washington: We will have accomplished our task when the Church is completely self-sustaining, not only as to the Ghanian personnel of priests, Brothers and Sisters, but also as regards to the economical support of the personnel.

Interviewer: Could you mention some encouraging signs of your approaching your goal?

Father Washington: Indeed! During my twenty years I have witnessed the mission territory develop to a vicariate apostolic and finally become a full-fledged diocese. The recruiting of suitable candidates for the priesthood has had its own peculiar difficulties, owing to family customs as well as the length of time required when compared with the training of the ministers of the other religions. The seven Ghanaian priests working with us experienced many difficulties which would take too long to enumerate. The minor seminary, for example, had to close down twice because the parents and guardians were unwilling to have their charges assume the weighty responsibilities of the priesthood. The five major seminarians and over fifty minor seminarians, although a small number over the years prove that a good beginning has been made in the way of teaching future leaders.

Interviewer: What about the establishing of an indigenous Brotherhood and Sisterhood?

Father Washington: The difficulties were the same. Let me give you just one instance. The parents of one of our Sisters were so much opposed to her entering the convent, that all during

Some Alumni Missionaries
(Continued)

her years of training there they never visited her even once. To understand the African mentality, it was a bitter cross, for the Africans like to receive and make visits. After her religious profession, they came to congratulate her. Perhaps among other reasons, the parents might have feared that she would quit during her years of training. Such a thing would have been a disgrace to the family. There are now fourteen Ghanian Sisters belong to our Accra diocese. Three of them are completing their studies at Xavier University in New Orleans. For years we had only one African Brother who is a member of our Society; now there are thirteen.

Interviewer: What can be said about the attitude of the Government towards the missionaries? According to reports, it would seem that the Government of Nigeria expelled many missionaries after the civil war.

Father Washington: The Government of Ghana is very favorable towards the missionaries, for it realizes that the churches have brought education to the country. If the Government did not pay our teachers and provide means for the maintenance of our schools, we could not continue operating.

Interviewer: Since there are so many religious bodies, there must be rivalry of some sort.

Father Washington: Not any longer. At present there is peace and harmony among the different religious sects. We have ecumenism on a friendly basis and occasionally ecumenical meetings are held. I have always taken any pupil into my school . . . even Mohammedans. No one is forced to go to church on Sundays.

Interviewer: What is the pressing need in your mission district which is a hindrance to your progress of training African leaders?

Father Washington: We need a college in our area. Since the people are very eager for higher education, and since many go overseas to complete their studies, the lack of college for preparing future leaders is keenly felt. When I speak of leaders, I refer to women also, for according to the oft-repeated statement of a great Ghanaian leader: "When you educated a *man,* you educate an individual. But when you educate a woman, you educate a nation."

Father Washington was ordained at St. Augustine's Seminary in 1949 and appointed to the Divine Word mission in Ghana where Bishop Joseph O. Bowers, S.V.D., also an alumnus of the seminary, is the spiritual leader.

West Indian Priest Feted

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After his return to New Orleans, he offered a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving on January 25 at 3:00 P.M. in St. Gabriel the Archangel Church attended by Reverend W. Michael Landry, archpriest; Reverend William Engelhart, deacon; Reverend Andy LePage, subdeacon. Reverend Gerald Murphy, S.M., S.T.L., was the preacher for the occasion. After the Solemn service a reception was held in the Gold Rush Room at Xavier University.

Father Glasgow has been assigned to St. Gabriel's parish where he will continue to share with the parishioners the benefits of his experience in social work for the furtherance of the social reign of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. May his apostolic efforts be crowned with success!

Spotlight on the Seminary Community

The Fathers and Faculty Members posing with Father Provincial (front row, centre).

The Faculty Members.

The Brothers.

Spotlight on the Seminary Community

The Novices with their Novice Master (front row, 5th from left).

The Students with the Rector and Prefect. The Rector is in the front row (left to right) next to him is the Prefect.

Pictorial Greetings from Bishop Carlos Lewis

Bishop Carlos Lewis, S.V.D., ordained Justin Wong, a Chinese Panamanian member of the Divine Word missionaries, to the priesthood in the latter's home parish of Christ the King, Panama City, Panama. Including

Bishop Lewis performing the ordination rites; to his left, his brother Father Gerald Lewis assists with the aspergillum.

the bishop, himself, Father Wong is the fourth priest of Panamanian nationality now with the Divine Word missionaries. The others are Father Gerald Lewis, who is a teacher at the Divine Word High School in Los An-

During the services in Christ the King, the parish church of Father Wong.

geles, California; Father Ramon Joseph, also a teacher in the Divine Word College in Ecuador; and Brother Bernard Dorade, also a Panamanian, is a member of the community in the Divine Word Seminary at Riverside, California.

Bishop Lewis had an audience with Pope Paul on the day following the canonization of St. Mary Soledad

With the Pope and Bishops blessing the assembly.

Acosta. She is the foundress of a religious order of Sisters who work among the sick and poor in Panama.

At the invitation of Pope Paul, Bishop Lewis and the other bishops present at a general audience in St.

In audience with the Pope after the canonization of St. Mary Soledad Acosta.

Peter's Basilica were asked to go up to the main altar and bless the assembly with him.

ALONG THE DIVINE WORD MISSION TRAIL

Bay St. Louis, Miss. (St. Augustine's Seminary

Our Provincial Superior, the Very Reverend John W. Bowman, has been re-elected for another term of office.

A musical play "Oliver" presented by St. Stanislaus High School was staged in our Sy Rosenthal Auditorium in February. The play was based on Charles Dickens' "Oliver."

Father Weber baptizing in former church St. Peter the Apostle.

Four Corners, La.

Father Clarence Weber, the 70-year-old, but still agile pastor, of St. Peter the Apostle parish had just finished renovating his church when it happened. The Church was removed from the care of the Divine Word missionaries and placed under that of the diocesan clergy. In compensation, as it were, the pastorate of St. Martin de Porres in Delcambre was entrusted to our Society, and Father Weber, now the pastor, is ready to start the task of renovating again, if necessary.

Davant, La.

When reading psalm 125, Father Arthur and Jerome Haines have good reason to appreciate the words: "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy," for although the efforts in promoting an adult religious instruction class have not been rewarded, the fact that one student from the parish is preparing for the priesthood at the Divine Word Seminary in Bay St. Louis, Miss., proves that they are not laboring in vain.

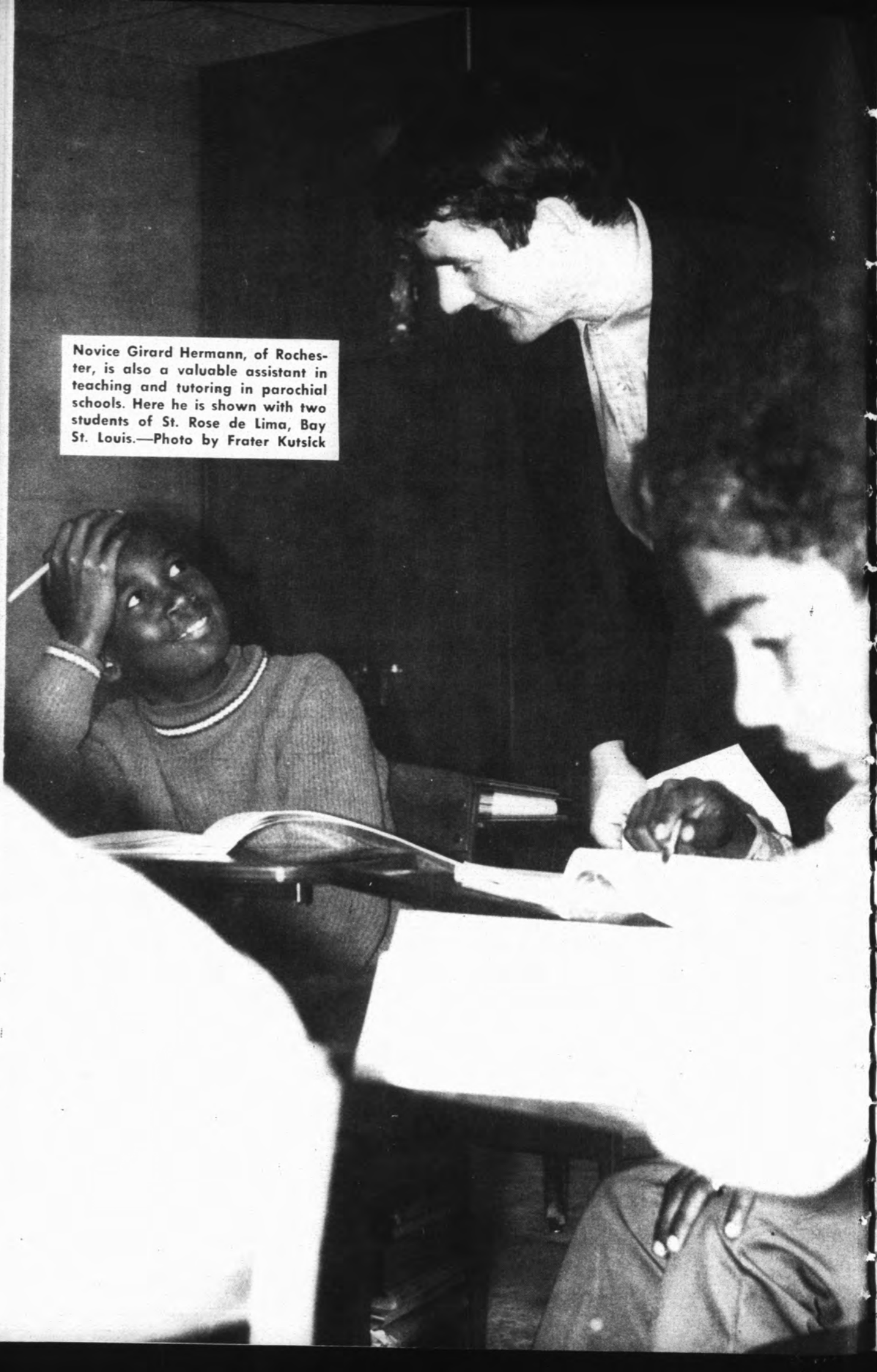
Austin, Texas

A sign of improvement is associated with the purchase of property. Father Clement Weber, pastor of Holy Cross Church, has been successful in acquiring a piece of land adjoining the church. From him was also learned that Father Michael Bodnar at Giddings had prepared a class of 45 for Confirmation. The records show that the last time the Sacrament was conferred was in 1961. Father Peter de Boer likewise at Luling prepared a Confirmation class of 40 candidates for April.

Houston, Texas

The Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver swelled their ranks in March in the parish of St. Mary, of which Father La Bauve is the pastor. Over 40 candidates were initiated into the Order of the Knights and over 50 candidates into the Ladies Auxiliary. All were thoroughly imbued with the spirit of "Claverism." Father John La Bauve was the prime mover of the event. His associate, Father Clifton Labbe, director of the parish CYO, arranged that a group of players should stage the play "Baptism" by the noted playwright Leroi Jones during the banquet following the initiation. The celebration concluded with a Mass of Concelebration at which Bishop Perry, the National Chaplain of the Order, was chief celebrant.

The new Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver at St. Mary's Church, Houston



Novice Girard Hermann, of Rochester, is also a valuable assistant in teaching and tutoring in parochial schools. Here he is shown with two students of St. Rose de Lima, Bay St. Louis.—Photo by Frater Kutsick

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An Electron of Inspiration

Suppose a baseball player was satisfied with his batting average. Suppose a member of a track team was not interested in improving his record. What would happen to those individuals? The answer is evident. All athletes know that they must not be content with their achievements; they must continue to make greater efforts to improve.

This same truth is applicable to the spiritual life. St. Paul states it thus: "I forget the past and put before me what has still to be done; and to this I goad myself." (Phil. 3;13). All the saints, those spiritual athletes have practiced and strongly recommended this method of action. Here is what St. Jerome says: "Blessed is he who everyday advances in virtue! Such a one does not regard what he did *yesterday*, but what he will do *today* in order to make progress."

There is a lurking danger of becoming unduly proud of the good one has done. How easily it is to assume the role of the Pharisee in the Gospel! "O God I give Thee thanks that I am not as other men . . . !" St. Bernard points out another source of danger in considering only the good one has done. It would serve, he thinks, to make a person careless in regards to further spiritual progress as well as lax in performing acts of virtue. How many dutifully recite their morning and evening prayers and perhaps a few favorite prayers . . . but in such a desultory way?

A valuable lesson in this respect can be learned from business men and women. They do not mind taking great pains to display their goods as attractively as possible, hoping thereby to increase their sales and make more profit. Likewise, one who is truly interested in the business of salvation should not hesitate to expend energy in performing, for example an act of kindness, or to pray with attention and devotion. "Brother, let us see which of us loves God the most during this week." This strange challenge St. Francis Solano used to offer to one of his confreres. It was their pious device of forging ahead in the practice of virtue.

Business people allow no favorable opportunity to pass by without using it. St. Therese of Lisieux adopted this plan for her spiritual life. The following incident is typical of her ingenuity. One of the Sisters used to rattle her rosary beads while in chapel. How this grated on the sensitive ears of Sister Therese! Often she felt impelled to express her annoyance by a disproving glance! Upon reflection, however, she decided to turn the disturbance into spiritual profit. She made herself imagine that the noise was melodious music which she could offer to God! Making a virtue out of necessity is what souls like St. Therese do. Nothing is wasted; an undeserved rebuke, a distasteful task, a slight quietly borne. The sincere Christian makes use of all opportunities to advance in the spiritual life.

Jubilee Message from the Holy Father

SECRETARIATE OF STATE
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THE VATICAN
April 16, 1970

Dear Father Olivier,

With great pleasure I acknowledge the gracious letter of February 20th last, by which you wished to inform the Holy Father of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Saint Augustine's Seminary, Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, and to ask his blessing.

It is now at the direction of His Holiness and in his name that I address to you his special greetings on this occasion. He wishes you to realize that he is close to all during this time of celebration; he shares with you profoundly sentiments of thanksgiving to God for the many blessings received in the Church over half a century, because of the work done by Saint Augustine's. In this regard, he cannot fail to make a special mention of gratitude to God for the apostolate exercised among the Black race and for the Black youth of America ordained priests from Saint Augustine's.

On this occasion his thought goes to each and every one of his beloved sons who make up the present faculty and student body. He asks all to remain united deeply with Christ and with each other in the bond of charity, steadfastly faithful "to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers." (Acts 2;42).

He prays that God may bless the new era opening up before you, that the Seminary may thus meet the new challenges and new demands, on behalf of God's people.

His thought turns likewise to the beloved alumni, to the friends and benefactors and to all who make up the seminary family of today. With a deep and special affection, the Holy Father imparts to all his Apostolic Blessing.

For my part, I express willingly to you my prayerful wishes and devoted sentiments.

Sincerely in Christ,

J. CARDINAL VILLOT

A Gala Day for St. Augustine's Seminary

Keesler Air Force Base singers regaling the audience.

Three rain drops fell. The weather forecast for Sunday April 26 was "probably rain". Only three rain drops fulfilled the dismal prediction, for a serene sky ruled the rest of the day. The pleasant weather added to the festive mood of all who participated in the observance of the Golden Anniversary of Saint Augustine's Seminary.

Golden yellow festoons swayed in the gentle semi-tropic breeze. The twenty-five multi-colored flags representing the various nationalities from which the Divine Word Missionaries came, and where they are laboring, fluttered merrily as if semaphoring the jubilant message of the crowd of visitors.

The Sy Rosenthal Memorial Gym proved to be spacious enough for the Solemn Mass of Concelebration offered by four bishops and about twenty-five priests. Two of the episcopal participants were alumni of the Seminary. Bishop Carlos A. Lewis, S.V.D. Auxiliary of Panama was the chief celebrant, and Bishop Harold R. Perry, S.V.D. Auxiliary of New Orleans one of the concelebrants. The others were: Bishop Joseph Brunini, the Ordinary of the Natchez-Jackson diocese and Bishop George E. Lynch, Auxiliary of Raleigh. Bishop Abel Caillouet, also Auxiliary of New Orleans was in attendance. The priests concelebrants were from the Josephite, Redemptorist, Holy Cross, Holy Ghost as well as Divine Word Congregations.

As the novices began the singing of a Folk Mass accompanied by the piano and guitars, the bishops and priests were escorted in procession to the altar by the Knights of Columbus of the Gulfport and Bay Saint Louis chapters. The homily was ably delivered by Father John N. LaBauve, S.V.D. "In the beginning was the Word." In glowing terms he endeavored to show the tremendous influence this verse in the prologue to the Gospel of Saint John exercised on the life of Father Arnold Janssen, the founder of the Divine Word Missionaries. It was two of his spiritual sons, Fathers James Wendel and Matthew Christmann who spearheaded the movement to establish a seminary for the training of Negro priests. Indeed, not far from where Father LaBauve was preaching were a display of the photographs of all the alumni of the Seminary and also a placard with the slogan of the Divine Word missionaries; "The World Is My Parish." Both served in a manner to spell out graphically his historic

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A Gala Day for St. Augustine's Seminary

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message. Toward the end of the Mass, Father Rector Olivier read the letter of congratulations from the Holy Father.

At the banquet which followed shortly afterwards, Father Robert Hunter, S.V.D. a former Provincial Superior of the Southern Province of the Divine Word missionaries was the toastmaster. Bishop Perry led with the opening prayer. Bishop Brunini gave the Jubilee address. Father Provincial Bowman read the letter of felicitations from Father Superior General of the Divine Word Missionaries, John Musinsky. A toast to the Society of the Divine Word was given by Father Joseph Connors, Provincial of the Northern Province and a toast to the Holy Father by Bishop Lewis. Father Francis Wade, a veteran alumnus of the Seminary concluded the banquet with a befitting prayer.

The visitors enjoyed an open house day. Mission exhibits of Japan, the Philippines and New Guinea were located in the students' building. Outside the building, a Congolese hut seemingly guarded by the flag of the Republic of the Congo attracted much attention. Near the entrance to the chapel, a vocation exhibit arrested the attention of passersby with such striking posters as: "You Can Change the World", "Will You Serve?", "God Wants You!" The novices and students relieved one another at the Information booth situated at the front entrance of Christmann Hall. They were busily

Knights of Columbus of the Gulfport and Bay St. Louis chapters as escorts in the procession.

engaged in distributing free copies of the Jubilee edition of the MESSENGER and mimeographed notes on the history of the Seminary.

About three o'clock, a Jubilee program was given in the gym. The Bayou View Junior High School students under their director, Mr. Dan Hawthorne launched the hour of entertainment with three selections. Father Provincial Bowman followed with an historical sketch of the Seminary. The Keesler Air Force Base Singers from Keesler Field regaled the audience with several of their favorite numbers. Seven collegians from the Divine Word College at Epworth, Iowa finally brought the enjoyable program to a delightful climax with various soulful renditions from their repertoire. The previous evening they treated the Seminary Community with similar selections from their "Soul Package" show. Thus ended Saint Augustine's gala day.

A Toast to Pope Paul VI

BISHOP CARLOS A. LEWIS, S.V.D.

A time for feasting . . .

(Editor's Note: This toast was given at the Golden Jubilee banquet.)

To him, for whom Christ prayed and who was commissioned to strengthen his brethren;

To him, the wise pilot of Peter's bark now traversing the stormy seas of the turbulent seventies;

To him, the center and pillar of the unity of the Church of Christ;

To him, the apostle of peace, whose prayers, sacrifices and untiring labors are devoted to establishing the peace of Christ in the reign of Christ in this world;

To him who will be proclaimed by future generations of dedicated Christians and men of good will, as the Stalwart Defender of Human Life and Human Dignity;

To him, the prime architect of the post-Conciliar Church Renewal, who illumined by the Holy Spirit, has taught us that the lasting genuine renewal of Christ's Church must come about primarily through the genuine spiritual renewal of each member of the Church lest we find ourselves building on the quick-sands of expediency, naturalism and self-exaltation;

To him who gave the United States its first native born Negro Bishop of the twentieth century, and named a dozen others elsewhere in the Americas, as well as some sixty other Negro Bishops of Africa, bringing the total of Negro Bishops of the world to the sum of 140;

To none other than Pope Paul the Sixth, gloriously reigning as Vicar of Christ we offer with love and loyalty this toast.

Vivat, crescat, floreat in Domino!

May he reign for many more years!

May he prosper!

May he flourish in the Name of the Lord!

. . . not fasting.

"You entered this work when no one else seemed to be ready to take it up and you have made a thorough success of it. I hope the Seminary will continue to carry on its fine work for many, many generations."

✠R. O. GEROW

"St. Augustine's Seminary has been a stronghold of the Faith for a half-century and has provided our Church and its people with zealous and exemplary leaders. I pray that the years ahead may bring you continued success and achievement."

✠RICHARD CARDINAL CUSHING
Archbishop of Boston

"Since I cannot be present personally, I will try to join you in thanking Our Lord through His Blessed Mother for this great institution which has certainly been providential in its founding as well as in its work for the past fifty years."

✠ALBERT L. FLETCHER
Bishop of Little Rock

"The Divine Word Fathers can truly be grateful to God for the blessings and graces that have come to them in these fifty years, and through them to the many people they have served."

✠JOHN L. MORKOVSKY
Apostolic Administrator of Galveston-Houston

"As a West Indian Bishop, I realize the importance of your apostolate for the Negroes. I look forward to the day when the Divine Word Missionaries will include Jamaica and other West Indian Islands in their Mission Apostolate."

✠S. E. CARTER, S.J.
Auxiliary Bishop of Kingston

"God alone knows the manner in which you have uplifted the whole of the Negro people by your witnessing to Christ there in Mississippi. May God continue to bless you in this wonderful work!"

✠JOSEPH G. VATH
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

"Since I have been first hand witness to the good work of the Divine Word Missionaries, it is with great pleasure that I felicitate you on the Golden Jubilee of the founding of Saint Augustine's Seminary."

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Archbishop of San Francisco

"I wish to take this opportunity to express my personal appreciation as well as that of my predecessors for the wonderful work accomplished for the cause of Christ by the graduates of the Divine Word Seminary. This Archdiocese has profited especially from them."

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Archbishop of New Orleans

"The Church in the United States is deeply indebted to the Society of the Divine Word for their outstanding efforts in the missionary work in the South. It is good to know that God has blessed your efforts with so many vocations and with outstanding blessings to so many of your prominent alumni."

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Bishop of Lafayette in Indiana

"I am indebted to the Divine Word Missionaries for training one of my priests, Father Thomas Hadden, at least through the Minor Seminary. Since, as you say many individual Bishops have taken a more personal interest in your apostolate by having you to work in their own dioceses, I am encouraged to ask if you could help us in North Carolina. This would be a wonderful gift to give us such a foundation in your Jubilee Year."

✠VINCENT S. WATERS
Bishop of Raleigh

"Although not present with you in person (because of a meeting in Rome) I assure you that I will be joined in prayerful thanksgiving for these Golden Years of service which the Divine Word Seminary has given to the Church."

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Archbishop of Chicago

"My felicitations on the fiftieth anniversary of the Seminary. Sentiments of deep gratitude for its contribution to our diocese."

✠MAURICE SCHNEXNAYDER
Bishop of Lafayette, Louisiana

"I join you in humble thanksgiving to Almighty God for these fifty years of labor and achievement, and I pray our Eternal High Priest to continue to enhance this vital apostolate."

✠CHARLES R. HELMSING
Bishop of Kansas City - St. Joseph

"I wish to rejoice with you and the entire Community in thanking Almighty God for the great graces received through the operation of the Seminary of St. Augustine for these fifty years. We join in expressing our gratitude and thanks to those who have so generously given of themselves in the service of Christ and His Church."

✠LEO T. MAHER
Bishop of San Diego

"From afar I join you in the hymn of gratitude for all the blessings lavished upon your seminary during the past fifty years. What was a simple schoolroom in 1920 has developed into one of our larger minor and major seminaries in the United States, fulfilling all the expectations of the late Father Christmann who was its founder."

VERY REV. ROBERT E. PUNG, S.V.D.

(Editor's Note: Father Pung was formerly the Rector of the Seminary)

"As a Sulpician and a former Seminary professor, I have naturally felt an interest in St. Augustine's Seminary for many years, because its objective has been to train priests for work that is very important both to souls and to the Church. The Board of Directors have expressed their interest and concern in your Seminary at every meeting."

REV. J. B. TENNELLY, S.S.
Secretary to the Commission for the Catholic Missions Among the Colored People and Indians

Father John LaBauve delivering the Homily.

At the table of the V.I.P.'s.

Mr. Dan Hawthorne with his Bayou View Junior High School entertainers.

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Attentive to the delights of the culinary art.

Prophet by His Word

SISTER MARY SAMUEL STEFFEN, O.S.F.

Sister Mary Samuel Steffen, O.S.F.

In the past God spoke to our ancestors many times and in many ways through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us through his son. . . . He shines with the brightness of God's glory; he is the exact likeness of God's own being and sustains the universe with his powerful word.—Hebrews I:1-3

"He shines with the brightness of God's glory; . . . and sustains the universe with his powerful word." All cosmic powers are subject to the Father and his Risen Son. Nature's momentum is a constant reminder of this truth. In regard to the Divine Plan for man, however, the Word honors him by a dependence on dedicated human activity. Let's dress in gold as we join the Divine Word Missionaries for Jubilee '70 in the Deep South. ". . . but in these last days He has spoken to us through His Son." History frequently forgets to record the activities which are a necessary ingredient in any human endeavor. We will not allow lack of information to deter us today as we take up our "Allelu!" banner and recall the fifty years of S.V.D. love at Greenville and Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. In this celebration we must admit that Divine Word Fathers James Wendel and Matthew Christman have the edge on us because they know the whole story. From their vantage position in eternity they can rejoice with us as we attempt to piece together the fragments.

Fathers Wendel and Christman experienced the pain of trying to make American bishops aware of the need for a Negro clergy. This lack of understanding should not be surprising because prejudice was in the forefront even as it is today. Within the ranks of their own Society the priests met with discouraging advice. Such reactions, along with financial problems and K.K.K. interference, might well have crushed a less apostolic pair of missionaries. These two priests, however, used the obstacles as stepping stones and continued to press onward toward their goal.

Today as we consider the circumstances under which the priests labored, it becomes quite obvious that God was on their side. We might even say that the pioneer missionaries were uniquely supported by the Divine Word. Father Christman received strength to go it alone when his thirty-nine-year-old confrere was called to eternity on the very day Rome's go-ahead signal arrived. In retrospect, it is tempting to venture that God separated His dedicated apostles on February 24, 1920, so that they might work together more effectively in the future.

Maybe you will say that such "up, up, and away" reasoning is just too glamorous when placed alongside the reality Father Christman faced as he proceeded building a temporary minor seminary on the acreage surrounding his Greenville mission. Very likely Father felt much the same, especially when money was not available for his

project. He had space aplenty but far more plentiful were the problems which complicated his work to the very end. If he did succeed in erecting a building, what assurance did he have that vocations would be forthcoming? And behind these formidable question marks loomed the shadows of apathic pastors and laity.

Behind Father Christman, though, was a co-founder in eternity. Certainly Father Wendel would not abandon his counterpart on earth as he struggled to make their original dream come to life. At any rate, within a remarkably short time. Father Christman had a two-story building ready to house the five students who arrived on September 12, 1920. During the course of the first school year the enrollment reached a total of fourteen students. Sacred Heart Seminary had become a reality, but what a reality!

". . . God sustains the universe (and all creatures) with his powerful word." Here is the manner in which he tested the stamina of the Greenville seminarians: "Money was a scarce item those years, and the young men lived on a Spartan diet. Breakfast often consisted of nothing more than weak coffee, peanut butter, and a slice of bread. Dinner was beans, cornbread and soup. Meat was rarely seen on the table. Vegetables appeared in adequate quantities when the little vegetable garden was producing its cabbages and beans. It was a hard life for the young men. The physical location of the plant itself had nothing to recommend it. Situated in a dirty, dusty section of the town, with unpaved roads around the school, with no drainage for rain water, and with poverty rampant in the neighborhood, the whole setup was enough to discourage all but the most stouthearted." [1, 2]

Father Malin's thesis,[2] incidentally is one of the most complete studies available about the Greenville and Bay St. Louis Seminary history. For the reader who wishes additional information we suggest checking the footnote references. [4, 5]

Greenville challenged the 26 Spartans who lived out the closing year of Sacred Heart Seminary. Thanks to Father Christman and his fellow faculty members, the students had been spared the knowledge of threatening dangers. As for the seminary, its two-year-life span ended and was replaced by a permanent foundation at Bay St. Louis. Even here in a new location and under the patronage of St. Augustine, the fledgling institution was still within the range of bigotry and prejudice. The very climate must have strengthened the determination of Father Christman and those who were with him. A people and land used to hurricane winds and waters tend to build up an inner resistance to violence. When the gales were at their worst, word arrived from Rome that the Holy Father fully supported the project.

"In the past God spoke . . . in many ways through his prophets. . . ." Pope Pius XI made it clear that the formation of a colored clergy was dear to the Church and to himself. He formally announced that he was ready "to do everything to promote this salutary undertaking." This encouragement must have been a strong morale booster for the S.V.D. pioneers. The dedication activity of September 16, 1923, "turned out to be a big success. There was a

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1) Provincial Archives, File 1, No. 15a. Chronicle of the first year at Sacred Heart Seminary.
2) The Rev. Charles Malin, S.V.D., *Integration of the Catholic Clergy in the United States — the Divine Word Missionaries' Chapter* (A Thesis Submitted to the Faculty of the Graduate School, Marquette University, in Partial Fulfillment for the Degree of Master of Arts, 1964)
4) Leonard Olivier, S.V.D., "The Story of a Seminary," *The Word in the World* (Divine Word Missionaries, Techny, Illinois, 1964).
5) Albert S. Foley, S.J., Ph.D., *God's Men of Color* (Farrar, Straus and Company, New York, 1955).

PHASES OF THE JUBILEE MOOD

The profession of faith during the Mass.

The choir of novices and collegians leading the singing at the Mass.

Enjoying the festive meal.

Rapt attention was given to the "Soul Package" performance.

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special train of sixteen coaches, which brought a big crowd from New Orleans and the coastal towns. The Knights of Peter Claver, headed by three brass bands led by a delegation from Corpus Christi, attired in white regalia, marched in a parade from the train depot to the seminary. Bishop Gunn himself officiated at the dedication services."[3]

". . . in these last days he has spoken through his son . . ." Jubilee '70 should be a greater cause for rejoicing than Dedication Day because we can see that St. Augustines's, now Divine Word Seminary, has been a success. We have with us many of the alumni who have spread the "Allelu!" spirit throughout the world:

"Jesus gave a new command
that we love our fellow man
till we reach the promised land . . ."

Among those carrying various "Allelu!" messages in our Jubilee '70 procession we could single out bishops and provincials — all alumni — but since they prefer to be recognized first and foremost as priests we will respect their wishes and watch them walk with their fellow-priest religious, brothers, relatives, and other guests. It does seem proper at this point, however, to focus our thoughts on the three survivors of the first four ordained graduates.

Attention Fathers Maurice Rousseve, Anthony Bourges, and Francis Wade. We appreciate your leadership and Spartan courage which have helped bring us to this day of rejoicing. Please help us send our greetings heavenward to your classmate, Father Vincent Smith. Even though he left your Society after 15 years to become Father Simon, O.C.S.O., we know he is very much a part of this celebration. Surely he must be watching with Fathers Wendel and Christman as the Divine Word missionaries continue their apostolate, especially in the Deep South.

Since we failed to mention it earlier we will pause now to honor Fr. Christman who received his "Well done . . ." summons at the youthful age of 42. Today he is revered as "a martyr to the Negro clergy." He is also recognized as the founder of the first S.V.D. seminary for the blacks. Somewhere in Divine Word history, Father Joseph Francis — an alumnus of the Bay St. Louis Seminary — taught his seminarian students there a lesson he had learned from one of the first ordained graduates: "Son, when you hear the name Christman, bow your head!"

This is not to contradict the teaching of Father Francis, but today we are going to lift up our heads and banners as we "sing a song of love! Allelu, Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia."

3) Provincial Archives, File 2, No. 65, Christman to Heick, September 26, 1923.

Take time to THINK
It is a great source of power.

Take time to PLAY
It is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take time to READ
It is the fountain of wisdom.

Take time to PRAY
It is the greatest power on earth.

Take time to LOVE and be LOVED
It is a God-given privilege.

Take time to LAUGH
It is the music of the soul.

Take time to be FRIENDLY
It is the road to happiness.

Take time to GIVE
It is too short a day to be selfish.

Take time to WORK
It is the price of success.

Take time to DO CHARITY
It is the key to heaven.

What the Jubilee Photographer Saw

The kiss of peace.

Father Provincial Bowman recalling the historic past of the seminary.

No loss of appetite here!

Brother Vincent Dulle, S.V.D.

Bay St. Louis, Mississippi (the Seminary)

Death came to pioneering Brother Vincent in June. It was a little over a month since his transfer to the Divine Word Seminary at Techny, Ill. where he entered the Society in 1920. For 36 years he energetically promoted the apostolic work of the Divine Word missionaries as compositor and proofreader in the mission press. In 1956 another form of the apostolate required his services in Pine Bluff, Ark. This time it was as a teacher in a small grammar school. After four years of classroom duties his missionary zeal found another outlet in the Vocational Office here. Climatic conditions, however forced him to request a change of place. On June 16th, he passed to his reward as a result of a stroke suffered earlier. May he rest in peace!

From the semi-tropics to the tropics, from the Gulf Coast to the Philippines is where a new appointment summoned Father Robert B. Fisher. The major seminary not far from Manila will profit by his experience as a lecturer in theology and liturgy. It was at the novitiate here that he began his teaching career which is expected to have a profound influence on the future clergy of the Philippines.

Jackson, Mississippi

"All men of action are dreamers" goes an old saying. Father Anthony Bourges, pastor of the Holy Ghost Church was a dreamer. The modest new church blessed and dedicated by Bishop Brunini in April established that fact. Father reasoned that the old must give place to the new. The 103 years old edifice had well served its purpose.

Interior of Holy Ghost Church.

His diocesan confreres as well as the members of his own Society; the Divine Word missionaries, the Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters which staff his parish school, Sisters from various com-

Golden Jubilee celebration at Sacred Heart Church, Lake Charles, La.

Former altar boys, Bishop Harold Perry, Fathers Leonard Olivier and Jerome LeDoux returned to congratulate the Holy Ghost Fathers who are in charge of the parish.

munities, two prominent local ministers and business men were in attendance at the ceremony. The retired Bishop Gerow also graced the occasion with his presence.

During the Mass of Concelebration at which Bishop Brunini was the chief celebrant with six con-celebrants, Father Provincial Bowman preached a homily befitting the impressive religious service.

"Eat enough and it will make you wise." After a long session with studies, Frater Jim Guilliot appreciates this delightful way of acquiring wisdom.

Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi (St. Rose's School)

"Congratulations!" says science teacher Frater Roger Gremminger to his successful pupil Norman Smith. In April schools from thirteen counties in Southern Mississippi held a District Science Fair in Class III Biology. Of the 53 students, Norman was the only Junior High School student of the Bay Saint Louis area to win any honors. His

Frater Roger Gremminger congratulating his science pupil from St. Rose School.

exhibit was on the "Ecological Balance of a Pond." For his achievement, he merited an Honorable Mention. Frater Gremminger saw in this successful episode of his pupil an assurance of his own future achievements as a Divine Word missionary.

"The one who sings well, prays twice." Frater Ken Anich seems to have this saying in mind as he leads the choir practice at St. Rose's School. Sisters Judith Marie and Victorine ably assist him.

BY MYRTLE R. BANKS

In 1875 in the little city of Steyl Holland
A Saintly Priest, Father Arnold Janssen
Founded the Divine Word Missionary Band
To spread the Catholic Faith in none Christian Lands.
To bring all people to Christ was the one great aim
Of the S.V.D.'s *not honor and fame.*
But, to serve and harvest souls in Jesus' Name.
So to every continent these missionaries came.
In 1900 dawned a new century.
At St. Joseph's Technical School in Illinois came the S.V.D.
Their first foothold in the U.S.A. was at Techny
Which was later to become their great Seminary.
Father Peil the Superior pondered where next to go?
Archbishop Quigley said, "Go South and do mission work with the Negro.
But just where to start in the South he did not know
Til a Mr. Brennan a Mississippi Planter offered land to bestow.
So in 1905 Father Aloysius Heick came in the month of July.
The first start in Mission Work in the South to try.
To the Archbishop's suggestion he would comply.
He'd build a school and a chapel, God to glorify.
But soon there arose from the white population
Such hostility and opposition and protestation
That Father Heick had to leave this Merigold situation
To save his life from assassination.
But in 1906 Bishop Heslin a new plan did chart.
So to Vicksburg, Mississippi Father Heick went with new courage of heart.
From the work of God he would never depart.
So in a shanty near a railroad he made a new start.
From the very first, Heaven smiled on this humble beginning.
The help of good friends the Mission was winning.
Some land and four small cabins was acquired by purchasing.
And in early September the school bells were ringing.
Three Holy Ghost Sisters 40 pupils did teach.
These Missionary Nuns their pupils did reach.
Christian doctrine and high ideals filled every uttered speech.
And faithful Father Heick offered Holy Mass and did preach.
Soon that Great Living Missionary of The Lord
Mother Katharine Drexel made this Mission her Ward
Her gifts made education and religion life's reward
Her boundless philanthropy it takes books to record.
To the aid of this worthy mission post
Came that famous woman who lifted the lost
Mother Katharine Drexel paid much of the cost,
As in Education and Christianity her life was engrossed.
Father Matthew Christmann became a Priest of Divine Destiny,
Because he was the Rector to organize the first Seminary,
Fifty years ago in Greenville, Mississippi,
Fourteen youths with priestly intentions knelt in the sanctuary.
St. Valentine's Day 1920 was the official opening date,
These fourteen were the first to offer, to dedicate
Their lives to Christ's priestly apostolate.
That's why in 1970 is the Golden Jubilate,
Which we are assembled today to celebrate.

—MYRTLE R. BANKS

Bishop Carlos A. Lewis, an alumnus was the chief celebrant of the Mass

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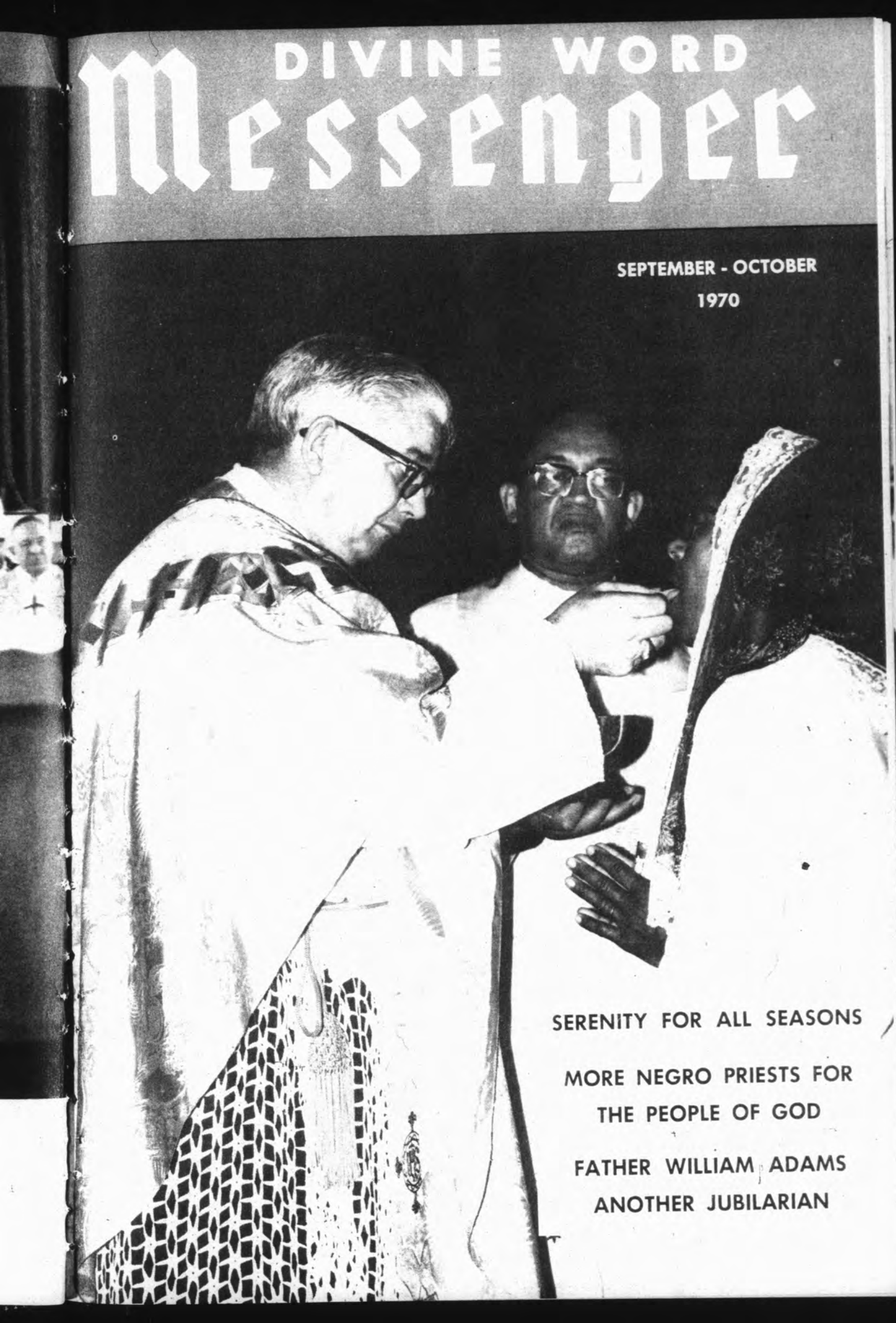

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An Electron of Inspiration

Gone are the days when a medical student was content to be just a General Practitioner ("G.P."). Since the demand for specialization has practically run the gamut of all branches of knowledge, students have been obliged to concentrate their efforts on a particular aspect of their chosen branch. Similarly in the spiritual life, our progress is greatly helped by concentrating on some great ideal.

To her brother's taunt that she was good for nothing, the piqued Sophie Barat replied: "Alright, then I'll be *great in humility*." From then on she strove to be humble like Christ. She eventually won a niche in the Church as a canonized saint.

"An ordinary life is enough for me," some may demur. "If I am saved, it is enough. I do not aspire to any higher perfection." But the Gospel parable of the slothful servant tells us that he was condemned for having neglected to make use of the money entrusted to him by his master. The author of the IMITATION OF CHRIST makes this observation on the above-mentioned objection: "There is one thing that keeps many back from spiritual progress, and from fervor in amendment, namely: a dread of the difficulty or labor that is necessary in the struggle." (I,25) Again an old saying: "Nothing ventured, nothing gained" holds true not only for daily life but also for the spiritual life as well.

Syncletica, a devout matron was desirous of practicing patience. For this purpose she asked the bishop to send her an elderly woman to stay with her. He sent a very gentle, gracious soul. Syncletica was not satisfied. But how delightful she was when a veritable shrew was given as her permanent guest! St. Syncletica's conduct bears out another statement of the author of the IMITATION OF CHRIST: "Assuredly they especially advance beyond others in virtue who strive the most manfully to overcome the very things which are the hardest and most contrary to them. For there a man profits most and merits more abundant grace, where he most overcomes himself and mortifies his spirit." (ibid).

St. Augustine's nature was to excel. When he learned that persons less gifted intellectually than himself were being esteemed for their virtuous life, he questioned himself thus: "If *these* can do it, why not *I*?"[3] Such soul-searching queries became his first step towards a life of holiness and eminence. Can we not prod our consciences likewise?

Jubilantly Yours . . .

"The song is ended, but the melody lingers on." These words from an old song remind us of our Jubilee Day on April 26. The happy crowd of visitors has long departed. The colorful decorations have given place to the ordinariness of the buildings and campus. The house chronicler has recorded the grand event. But to the Community of St. Augustine's as well as to the benefactors and friends, the Golden Jubilee Day will be treasured as another "D-day" among their souvenirs.

In witnessing the brilliant performance of actors in a play, one is apt to forget those who work behind the scenes. Much praise has been lavished on the Seminary and its alumni. But were it not for those behind the scenes: the many benefactors, friends and teachers who supported and encouraged the project, there would never have been a Golden Jubilee to celebrate. These therefore certainly deserve to bask in the glory of the alumni in the home as well as in the foreign fields. In military parlance these "supplied the ammunition."

"A teacher who can arouse a feeling for a single good action . . . accomplishes more than he who fills our memory with rows upon rows of natural objects, classified with name and form." Thus wrote Goethe in reference to his teachers. Our seminary professors have certainly surpassed the efforts of the poet's teachers. Their persuasive manner of inculcating knowledge, not merely for knowlege's sake has produced effects that will endure forever. The immortal words of Daniel Webster quoted in an earlier edition of the MESSENCER can bear repetition in this instance: "If we work upon marble it will perish. If we work upon brass, time will efface it. But if we work upon men's immortal minds, if we imbue them with high principles, with the just fear of God and love of their fellowmen, we engrave on those tablets something which no time can efface, and which will brighten and brighten to all eternity."

Much credit for the growth of our Seminary must be given to our devoted Brothers who also have labored so indefatigably behind the scenes. Whether in the office or shoe shop, whether in the laundry or sacristy, whether in the tailor shop, garden, or any other duty, their noble example of devotedness has always had the effect of an impressive sermon.

It is said that the two prized blessings of a religious community are a good superior and a good cook. Although working behind the scenes, our cooks have succeeded in making the effects of their culinary skill not only delightful, but frequently visible.

Finally, how can we express our thanks to our wonderful lay help who work in our offices, take care of our extensive grounds? They too have been behind the scenes. They too have contributed much to the progress of the Seminary and made our Jubilee Day possible. "Jubilantly yours" is our salute!

Serenity for All Seasons

SISTER MARY FREDERICK, C.S.C., Ph.D.

The man of our day is stampeding, pushing, yelling, fighting unto blood for success, security, *status,* his right to human dignity. For what is the man of the '70's so violently struggling? Like men of all ages, of course, for happiness, satisfaction, content, "fulfillment," he calls it, serenity, peace.

These are, indeed days of frustration, but what age has not been just that? Let us recall a few scraps of history. Cavemen, for example with only the crudest of tools knew no security or any of the comforts of civilization. Who could prefer such an existence to our 1970's challenging though our century may be?

Some cursory reading of the Old Testament is enough to stimulate contemplation of the hatreds, assassinations, tribal warfare and stubborn wickeness of humankind prevalent in the earliest civilizations.

So one might go on with the cruelities, immoralities, deceits and burning, death-dealing awfulness and uncertainties that rushed in with the barbarian invasions by Goths, Saxons, Huns and hordes of other tribes, thirsty for blood and booty.

How can we reasonably assert that our time in history is beset by greater challenges than have existed from the beginning of time? Actually such a conclusion is like the psychological self-pity that each person is likely mistaken to indulge in, the certainty that his toothache, gall-bladder upset, or bereavement is unique, more painful, frustrating and nerve-shattering than such misfortunes could possibly be in the lives of others. We are deluded; self is the great deceiver.

A recital of challenges and tragedies would be incomparably shorter than a summary of all the blessings that have graced the pages of history from the blessed delights of Paradise all the way to our century of comforts and technical advances. This account would include museums of painting and all the arts as well as the human heroes, saints and great leaders up to John XXIII, Cardinal Leger, Dr. Tom Dooley, Dr. Martin Luther King, and countless heroes of homes and human society unheralded in print. How consistently our Creator has strengthened man by challenges and sustained him by wondrous blessings throughout his development to the present stage of civilization! Can one doubt that He will continue to provide for us, too? As one of our minor poets wrote:

"My life is but a weaving
Between my God and me
I may but choose the colors;
He weaveth steadily.

Full often He weaveth sorrow,
And I, in foolish pride,
Forget He sees the upper;
And I, only the under side."

—John Bannister Tabb

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More Negro Priests for the People of God

(*Editor's Note*: The MESSENGER is grateful to the Negro priests ordained in May who graciously consented to give a biographical of themselves for our readers.)

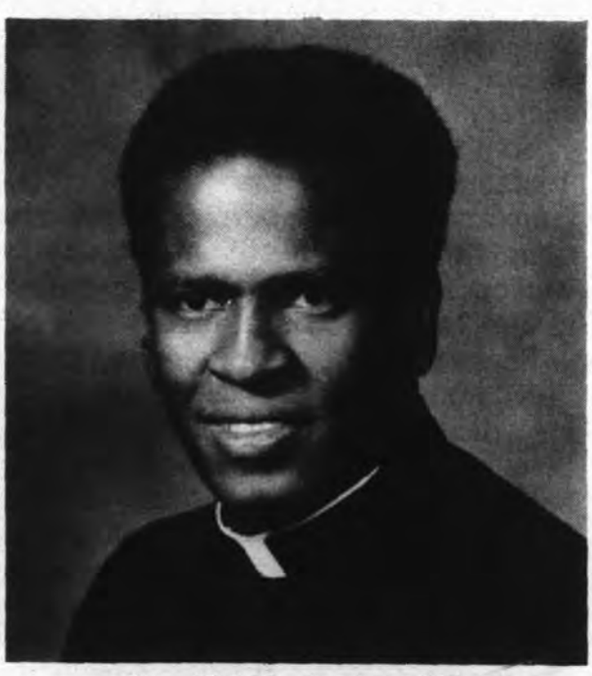
Rev. Earl Anthony Thompson

Father Thompson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Thompson hails from Baltimore, Md., where he was born on Nov. 1, 1940. His place in the family is third among four brothers and two sisters. Grammar and high school were attended in his home town from 1945-'51 and 1952-'58 respectively. At the age of fourteen, the new cleric was received into the Church by the Josephite Fathers. His studies for the priesthood were begun with the community of Trappist monks at St. Joseph Abbey, Spencer, Mass. After completing college (1959-1961) and philosophy (1961-'65) the young seminarian was admitted to first vows in July 1961. When the period of simple vows had expired, he left the community to continue his studies in the ranks of the active ministry. Being received by the archdiocese of New York, at whose major seminary . . . St. Joseph's in Yonkers, N.Y. he entered, Father Thompson completed his studies in theology begun in 1966, during this current year.

The new priest was ordained by His Eminence Cardinal Cooke at St. Patrick's Cathedral on May 30. His first Solemn Mass was offered in St. Jerome's Church in the Bronx on the following day with Rev. Lawrence Hill as deacon, Rev. Mr. Wallace Harris as subdeacon. The Reverend Kenneth O'Toole was the preacher. A reception was held for him in the afternoon in the parish auditorium.

For summer assignment, Father Thompson has been at the Catholic University of Puerto Rico at Ponce, P.R. Further studies will be in the field of Spanish linguistics and Puerto Rican culture at the same university.

"I am very much interested in the economic situation of the blacks and Puerto Ricans," he stated in reference to his special interest. "I look forward to an apostolate in labor relations." May his apostolate be fruitful!



Rev. Alvin A. Ingram, C.M.

Father Ingram, C.M. the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford A. Ingram of Bocas del Toro in the Republic of Panama was born there on January 31, 1938. The newly ordained comes from a family of three brothers and two sisters; he is the third child. His grammar and high school studies were made in his hometown, while his college and philosophical courses were taken at San Jose Seminary, Las Cumbres of the Republic. For theology, the young priest spent a year at the Divine Word Seminary in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and the remainder of the course at Mary Immaculate Seminary, Northampton, Pa. A deep interest in the religious life enkindled and fostered during his stay at the Divine Word Seminary led him to seek admission into the Congregation of the Missions where he pronounced his first vows at St. Vincent de Paul Novitiate, Ridgefield, Conn. in 1966. Final vows were made at Mary Immaculate Seminary, Northampton, Pa. three years later.

Father Ingram was ordained for the Congregation of the Missions by the Most Reverend Martin Legarra, O.R.S.A. bishop of Santiago de Veraguas, in his hometown on May 30. His first Mass, a concelebrated sung Service was offered in his parish church Nuestra Sra del Carmen on May 31. The preacher for the occasion was the Reverend John V. Kennedy, C.M. Incidentally, the Augustinian Fathers are in charge of the parish.

It was while assisting as a seminarian among the migrant workers in Pennsylvania that he discovered his God-given talent. "I found," he observed, "that I was able to make them more Christ-like by making them aware of their own dignity as persons." His field of labor is in his home country. May he exploit his special gift to the full for the glory of God!

Rev. Frederick M. Hinton

Father Hinton, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Addison Hinton of Buffalo, N.Y. was born on March 25, 1937 in Clinton, Alabama. The new priest comes from a family of two brothers and two sisters of which he is the eldest child. After attending the Centre Ave., the Maple Ave. schools as well as the Junior High School in Niagara Falls, N.Y., he entered the East High School in Buffalo where he graduated in 1957. A study of Indian history and culture at Nowrosjee Wadia College, Poona, India engaged a year from 1957-'58.

It was at the age of twenty three, while serving in the U.S. Army from 1958-'61 that Father Hinton was received into the Church in Germany. The Benedictine Priory in Vermont welcomed him as a postulant in 1961. From there he entered the college department of the Diocesan Preparatory Seminary at Buffalo and graduated in 1964. St. John Vianney Seminary where the young cleric earned his B.A. and B.D. degrees, witnessed the completion of his studies.

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MORE CAMA OF THE JUB CELEBRATIO

"THIS IS the WORD of THE LORD!"

THE KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS on GUARD

"WE BELIEVE in ONE GOD!"

VISITORS at the CONGO HUT
The grass skirt attracted much attention.

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"Sing Joyfully to God . . . Make Melody, Rejoice and Sing!" (Ps. 97: 4)

"Good Service is great enchantment." (a saying)

"A fair exchange is no robbery." In exchange for old papers, Brother James Balthazar hopes to receive "green-back" papers for Jubilee Day.

The Force that Tickled the Palate

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Serenity for All Seasons

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History flows on, and through it each person participates with his unique potentialities, opportunities and challenges, choices and achievements, joys and sorrows.

In him, the emotion of desire urges to the pursuit of fulfillment. And in the pursuit the human spirit is sustained, empowered, ennobled only when possessed of that precious "pearl of great price" that Christ promised to His disciples; peace of soul. Over and over He pledged His friends and followers that peace which surpasses all understanding.

All too many Jeremiahs would make of our world a wailing wall. From the existential pessimism of Satre to the deluded and agonizing cry of today's many youths who whimper because they were not born in Utopia; all too many are talking and writing reams of self-pity.

The Englishman, John Oxenham, well synthesized in verse the character of human living and the individual's choice of reaction to its realities:

"To everman there openeth a high and a low
The high soul *climbs* the high way;
The low soul *gropes* the low;
And in-between, on the misty flats,
The rest *drift* to and fro.
But to every man there openeth
A high way and a low;
And every man decideth
The way that his soul shall go."

(*Italics, ours*)

Undoubtedly it is true that because of the magnificent improvements in worldwide communications we have expanded and speeded up our *knowledge* of the world's troubles in our sophisticated time. *Ment-alert* brings instant report of an assassination in South America, the starving in Biafra, or a bank robbery in Boston. But *Ment-alert* is as humanly inefficient and sluggish as the pony express or any former news media.

So it seems to be characteristic of our time to whine about current tragedies, oblivious of our wealth of blessings; never reaching the comprehension that life is that kind of variegated mosaic of realities.

The same Christ who promised peace to His followers assured them also: "Your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man shall take from you." (John 16; 22).

One possessed of these two choicest gifts of God . . . peace of soul and joy of spirit . . . has but one outlet . . . "a loving heart." The glowing sun by its nature diffuses glorious light. A burning fire radiates heat. A divine and perfect Being creates that He may bestow upon others His infinite and perfect Love. So the person that is filled with God's peace and joy will inevitably radiate that Holy Spirit in love to all about him.

May the good God give us in abundance three of His choicest gifts:

Peace of Soul,
Joy of Spirit, and
A loving Heart.

MORE NEGRO PRIESTS FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

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Father Hinton was ordained for the diocese of Buffalo by the Most Reverend James A. McNulty the Ordinary on May 23. His first Mass concelebrated with six priests was offered in St. Louis Church; Rev. Albert Mosack the pastor was the Archpriest. Father McTernan delivered the homily.

The first year of Father Hinton in the sacred ministry will be occupied with assignments in the rural area as chaplain to six nursing homes, as assistant in an inner city parish and counsellor to four girls' high schools. What an excellent challenge for his priestly zeal!

Rev. Edward K. Braxton

Mr. and Mrs. Cullen L. Braxton, Sr. of Chicago have been singularly favored in having a priest in their family. He is Father Braxton, their third child; his only brother and three sisters make the total of five. Being a Chicagoan by birth on June 28, 1949, the new priest received the beginning of his education there; the Blessed Sacrament School from 1950-'58 and high school at Quigley Seminary from 1958-'62. Philosophical studies were made at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Ill. (1964-'66) and courses in theology also there (1966-'70). He possesses the degree of S.T.L. from the Seminary.

Father Braxton was ordained for the Archdiocese of Chicago by His Eminence John Cardinal Cody at the abovementioned Seminary on May 13. His first Solemn Mass was offered in his parish church of St. Philip Neri on May 17 with the pastor Msgr. Vincent J. Moran being the Archpriest, Rev. Thomas E. Kirley as deacon and Rev. Michael J. Kelley as subdeacon. The newly ordained himself ascended the pulpit. Early in the afternoon a reception was held for him in the parish hall.

His first assignment has been to the Holy Name Cathedral. The young cleric appears to be a brilliant student. He had made special studies in philosophy at the Northwestern and Chicago universities. In the class of theology he was also one of the leading students. It is not surprising then that his superiors have selected him for further studies in theology. May St. Thomas Aquinas, the philosopher, theologian and Doctor of the Church be his guiding star!

In Memoriam: Mr. Albert Morawski

"Always unassuming and willing to help" . . . "Self-sacrificing" . . . "an exemplary layman." Such are some of the opinions expressed by our Community about the late Albert Morawski. Like his brother Ambrose of sacred memory, he was a devoted friend and staunch benefactor of our Apostolate in the Deep South.

Our Seminary in particular was, as it were his adopted family. Its prevailing spirit of camaraderie made him feel at ease with each member. He usually made a yearly visit during the Lenten season. The average day would find him helping the Brother in the office or accompanying the Brother in charge of business on the frequent trips to New Orleans. How much he enjoyed relaxing with the Brothers during their recreation! Although a man of great sacrifice and generosity, he was deeply appreciative of the slightest kindness or consideration given to him. Was it any wonder then that all loved him for his empathy, simplicity of life and impecability of character?

Not only the Seminary, but also each missionary was dear to his heart. A personal gift to each at Christmas and Easter was a token of his friendship and concern.

Although advanced in years and in failing health, his intense love for the missions nevertheless impelled him this year to make a tour of the Louisiana mission parishes with Father Provincial as he had already made of the missions in Mississippi.

"Man proposes but God disposes" says the IMITATION OF CHRIST. Shortly after his arrival, our beloved benefactor's health began to decline to such an extent that hospital care became necessary. In spite of the tender care of the Sisters of Charity at Hotel Dieu, in New Orleans, he failed to rally. While there, he was consoled by the frequent visits of our Brothers who assured him of the Community's fervent prayers for his recovery. But it was God's Will that like his brother, he should end his days in this corner of the Lord's vineyard for which he sacrificed so much. Fortified by the last rites of the Church, our devoted friend answered the summons of his Creator on the 13th of April.

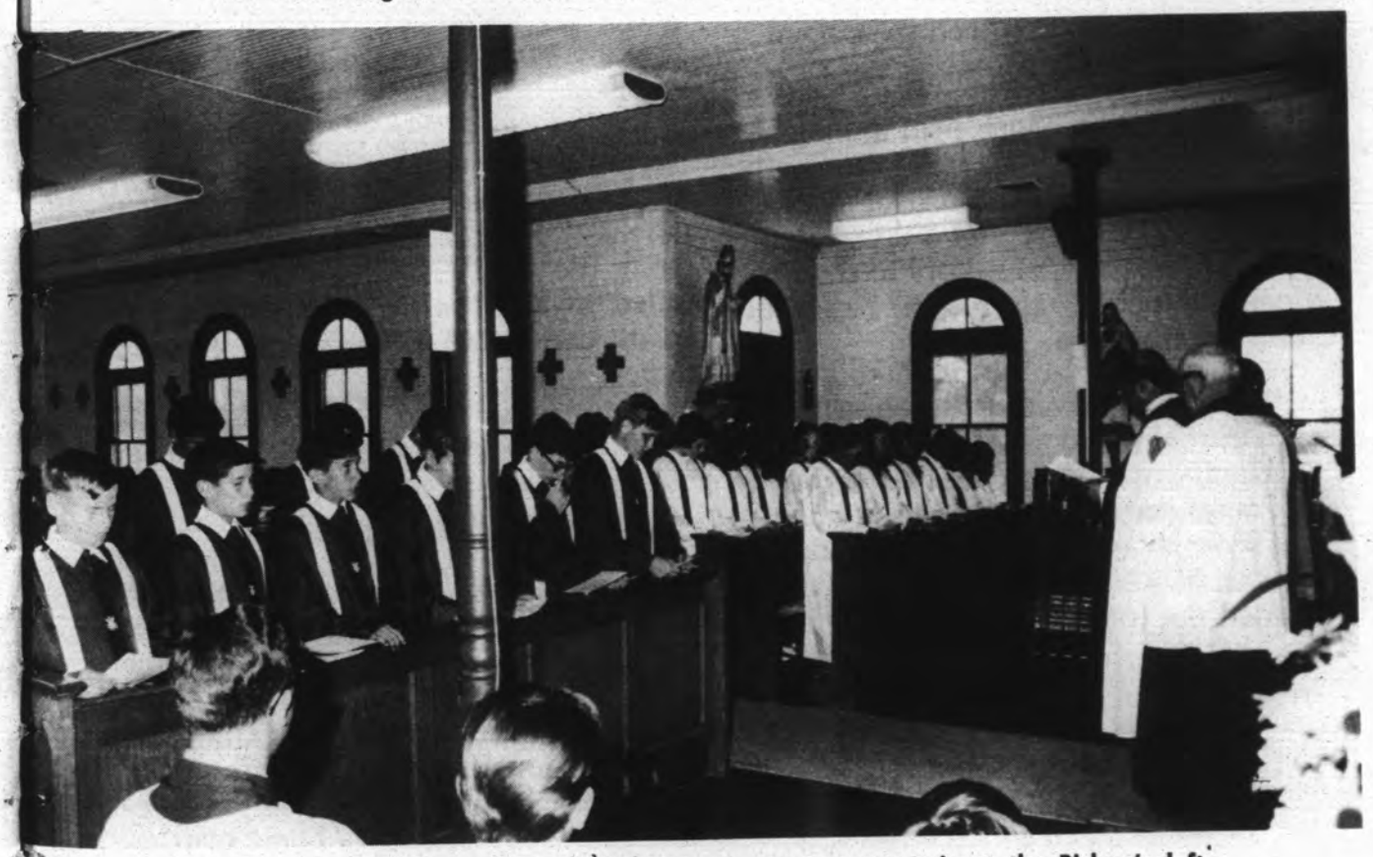
His mortal remains were accompanied by one of our Brothers to Attleboro, Mass., his home town. Our Father Provincial Bowman was one of the officiants at the Concelebrated Funeral Mass offered in his parish church. Buried besides his brother in the family plot, our esteemed Albert Morawski awaits the Resurrection.

To comfort ourselves in the bereavement sustained, we recall those beautiful and consoling words of St. Ambrose: "We have loved him during life; let us not forget him in death, but by our prayers lead him to the abode of eternal bliss." May he rest in peace!

Sealed by The Holy Spirit

CONFIRMATION AT BERTRANDVILLE, LA.

The first integrated Confirmation class at Bertrandville, La. Bishop Perry was the officiant.



At the Profession of Faith. Father Peter Boerding, the pastor is at the Bishop's left.

ALONG THE DIVINE WORD MISSION TRAIL

Our New Provincial Consultors Brother Bonaventure (left) and Father Steib.

Divine Word Seminary,
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi

The Very Reverend Rector, Father Leonard Olivier has been re-appointed for another term of office.

The recent elections held among the Divine Word Missionaries of the Southern Province have chosen Brother Bonaventure Chenevert and Father Terry Steib to serve as Consultors to the Provincial Superior, the Very Reverend John W. Bowman.

Brother Bonaventure, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Chenevert, originally of Hamburg, La. began training with the missionaries here at the Seminary in 1939. His first vows were made on Nov. 1, 1942. A skilled tailor, Brother learned the trade from competent masters at the Divine Word Seminary, Techny, Ill. For many years, he has also rendered invaluable services as sacristan in our Community. This is the first time that one of the Brothers was either appointed or elected as a Provincial Consultor.

Father Terry Steib, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rosemond Steib, Jr. of Vacherie, La. began studying for the missionary priesthood here in Sept. 1953. As customary, he made the usual round of the various seminaries of the Divine Word missionaries; his novitiate at Conesus, N.Y. where he pronounced his first vows Sept. 1959 . . . his junior college studies were also made there; senior college studies at Techny, Ill. and theological studies here. Ordained by Archbishop Philip M. Hannon of New Orleans, La., on Jan. 6, 1967, Father Steib has since served as assistant prefect to our Seminary high school students and as a member of the faculty of St. Stanislaus College here in Bay St. Louis. Presently he is preparing for a Master's degree in Education at Xavier University in New Orleans, La.

A Retreat with a new approach to old truths was preached to the Divine Word missionaries gathered here in June by Msgr. Bernard Law of Mississippi.

During the summer our novices were given a number of assignments. Some taught CCD classes in Houston and along the Gulf Coast; others were detailed to assist with the laymen's Retreats conducted here and to kitchen duties.

* * *

Bay St. Louis, Mississippi

To the strumming of guitars accompanying the singing, a class of 23 boys and 21 girls made its entrance into the adult life of the Church through the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Brunini, the Ordinary of the diocese heighthened the impressiveness of the occasion by a lively instruction.

New Orleans, Louisiana

A delightful picnic for about 130 CCD pupils terminated the sessions in religious instructions conducted on St. Augustine's Church grounds. Three buses of the gleeful youngsters sallied forth to Lacombe, La where they spent an enjoyable time.

The youth of St. Augustine's parish are "doing their thing" to uphold the prestige of the Church. Twenty-eight were initiated into the Junior Knights

Junior Knights Ready for Action in St. Augustine's Parish.

of Peter Claver in March. As a name for their chapter, they chose "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." The young knights have been active in a number of enterprises of the Order. Their basketball league won a trophy. The membership has grown to forty-six.

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Greenville, Mississippi

Father Louis Benoit, the enterprising pastor of Sacred Heart Church is quietly launching a number of scenes

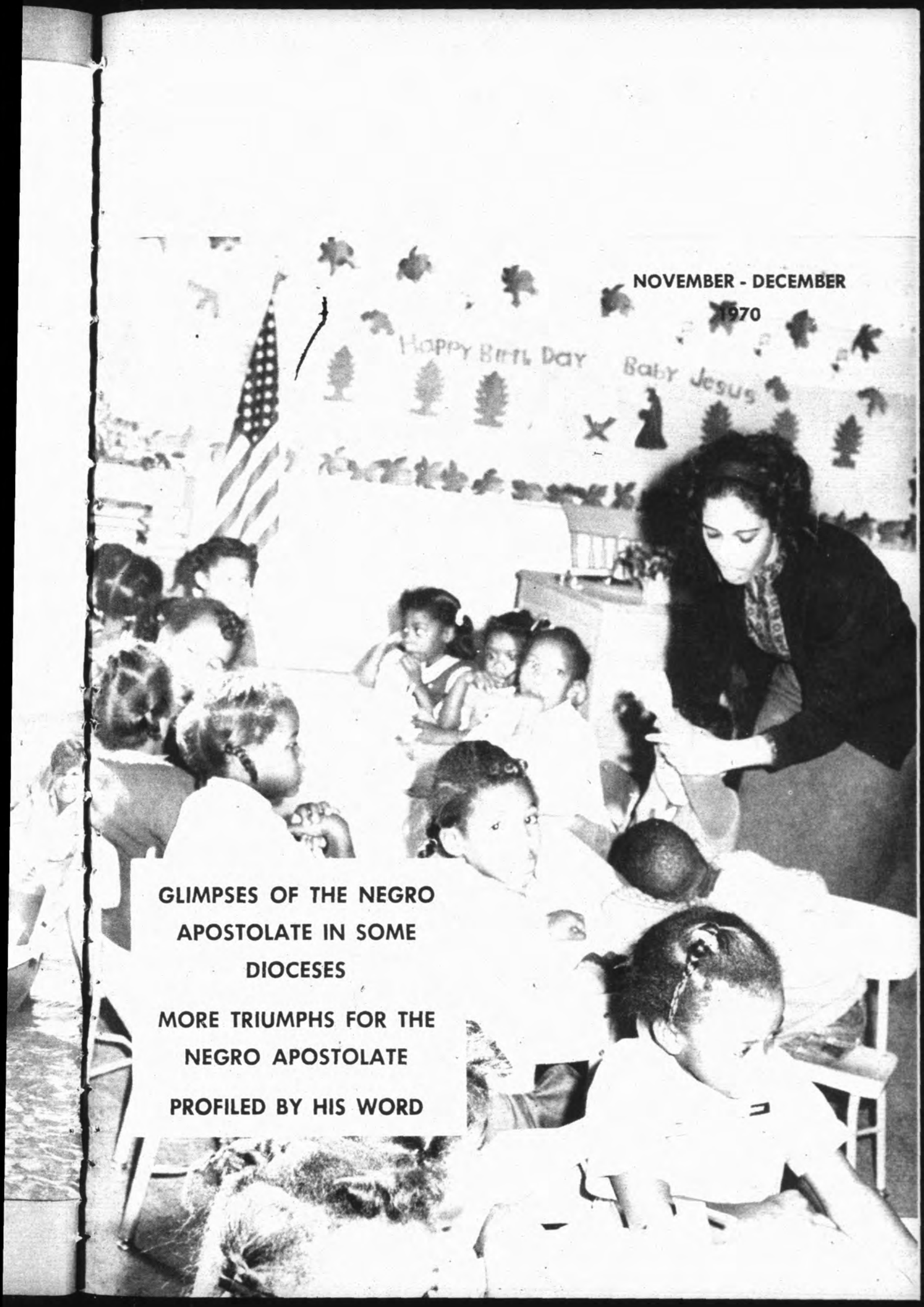
"I live, now not I; but Christ lives in me." (Gal 2: 20) Members of Sacred Heart Church, Greenville, Miss. intend to spell out these words in their lives.

for improving the spiritual life in the parish. One of these projects is the use of the "Show 'n Tell" catechetical method recommended by the Divine Word Publications at Techny, Ill. It can serve for the instruction of a family as well as for the grade school pupil. "It is different from the CCD methods," he asserts, "because the contact is more personal."

"Family Sunday," a liturgical movement stresses the *responsibility of the community* for the spiritual upbringing of the child. On a designated Sunday, in the presence of the congregation, the parents and godparents present infants for baptism during the Mass.

In the sanctuary there hangs a large banner with this striking caption: "From Death to Life." It depicts a caterpillar feeding on a beautiful flower as it emerges into a brilliant-colored butterfly.

"Come for a Ride!" Two Novices Launching Their Sail.



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An Electron of Inspiration

A friend visiting Michelangelo on several occasions always found him chiseling and polishing one of his pieces of art in a painstaking manner. "You are simply wasting your time on trifles!" he commented, in an irritable tone. "Trifles?" queried the famous artist. "Trifles make perfection," he continued, "but perfection is no trifle."

The constant practice of the athlete or musician pays off in skilled performance. Every effort expended may consume a trifle of time and energy, but without devoting that little time and energy regularly, the results would be far different. A world-famous musician used to make this observation: "If I miss practice for one day, *I* will know it. If I miss practice for two days, *the neighbors* will notice it. But if I miss practice for three days, *the world* will be aware of it. He began his successful career by devoting a little time and energy each day to his music.

Little things count also in the spiritual life. Our Blessed Lord said: "He that is faithful in that which is *least* is faithful in that which is *greater*." (Luke 16:10) As is well known, St. Therese of the Child Jesus built her spiritual life on the faithful performances of little things connected with her daily life. Her "little way" of simplicity and perfection in doing small things in the discharge of daily duties has become the code of action for numerous ordinary souls. The daily casual greetings, the little apologies offered, the listening to a boring conversation and a host of similar acts are considered insignificant, but can be turned to our spiritual advantage.

The aphorism, "No day without a line" contains an interesting story about little things as a means of improvement. A certain artist called Apelles was anxious to improve his style of painting. But he was a busy official with numerous duties demanding his attention. In spite of this, he never allowed a day to pass in which he did not practice his art and paint something. Stealing time from other occupations he would say: "Today I have not drawn a line." That is how he eventually became such an excellent painter of his time. It was a little stroke, a little energy which made him a success. Imitating him for a supernatural motive, we too can make tiny strokes of virtue every day and thus become like Christ our Way, our Truth and our Life.

A Blessed Christmas

to

All Our Readers!

Gratifying Returns in the Negro Missions

"News that is fit to print!" Besides the claim of a leading newspaper which uses this slogan, the Commission for the Catholic Missions Among the Colored People and the Indians can do likewise. Here is just an attempt to give a summary of its latest report published in January of this year on the Negro Apostolate.

An increase of 220,000 or 35% brings the total to 837,000 Catholics. To this number, 127,389 converts have contributed largely to this gain. The converts were attracted by the many churches, schools and medical centers operating in entirely or predominantly Negro neighborhoods. In addition to other mission establishments, the spiritual works of mercy were, as is to be expected, also contributing factors. It has been estimated that the total number of converts during the 1960-1970 period far surpassed the number in any preceding decade. Statistics also show that of all the converts throughout the nation, one out of 9 or 10 has been a Negro.

Next to the grace of God, how is one to account for such a large number of converts? This increase is due to the zeal of the comparatively small number of priests and Religious engaged in this apostolate. Converts, in the last analysis, are but the visible fruits of numerous, apparently often fruitless, but zealous efforts of a missionary. While there have been many defections among those who migrated from the South, the number of conversions and children of Catholic parents greatly outnumber the lapsed Catholics.

The eastern, midwestern and far western States show a major increase of Catholic Negroes, due to the steady migration from the South. On the other hand, in the South, the problems resulting from an increase in the Negro population and the amalgamation with the neighboring white parishes have caused a net decrease of twenty-four churches maintained for the benefit of Negro congregations and 79 Negro schools.

Besides the CCD programs, there has been an increase in the number of projects of various types in the North and South to serve the Negro. Classified among them are supplementary educational programs and social work schemes financed by federal and local diocesan funds.

The thousands of other Catholic Negroes scattered throughout the country in parishes in which they are in minor numbers are also given care and attention.

To give credit where credit is due, it is right to admit that such gratifying returns in the Negro missions are due to another source too often passed over with scant acknowledgement . . . the spiritual as well as the material sacrifices of the Catholic people who so generously respond to the appeal of the hierarchy in behalf of these missions.

GLIMPSES OF THE NEGRO APOSTOLATE IN SOME DIOCESES

(Editor's Note: The following information has been gathered from the January 1970 report of the Secretary of the Commission for the Catholic Missions Among the Colored People and the Indians. Space does not permit an account of all the dioceses.)

In the South

Miami — The diocese spearheaded the South Florida Housing Agency, which is a seed-money fund for low-rent housing projects. It is also involved in and supports the Urban League's "Project Equality" and a job training project. Chapels, CCD and day care centers are being erected in several of the migrant camp locations.

Galveston-Houston — The Social Responsibility Office continues to operate on funds realized from the Diocesan Development Program. Its main interest continues to be the question of housing, and the main beneficiaries continue to be deprived Negroes.

Mobile-Birmingham — Although over 200 Negro pupils entering the integrated high school were unable to pay tuition, none were rejected. The diocese is also paying for part of the upkeep of another high school.

Lafayette, La. — The Holy Rosary Institute which has boarders is filled to capacity. Students come from as far as California. The school does not advertise.

St. Petersburg — In one of the parishes, a children's clinic has been established to provide medical assistance for indigent Negroes. Two physicians have volunteered their services. They are assisted by three nurses, two nuns and the parish priests. Another parish has begun to assist poor Negro families to purchase their homes and make the necessary repairs.

Charleston — To avoid conducting an apostolate that would seem patronizing or paternalistic, the priests of the diocese have undertaken special programs in various areas of the State. An interim Inter-racial Commission has been set up.

St. Augustine — Catechetical centers are being established in the Negro areas of Gainesville and Tallahassee.

Richmond — In four areas of the diocese progress has been made in efforts to sponsor low income housing. The diocese is a partner in the Hope Housing Inc., an ecumenical non-profiting corporation.

Atlanta — The Office of Urban Affairs opened last year is expanding its activities. The Center which was opened to assist the Negroes in the Athens area is accomplishing good work. A new program is being initiated in the all-Negro Atlanta University.

Natchez-Jackson — In spite of the problem of racial adjustment, wonderful progress is being made.

New Orleans — The Archdiocese and the wealthier parishes contribute to the support of the Negro parishes and other apostolic endeavors carried on in the city and in poorer mission areas.

Little Rock — With the assistance of well-qualified lay teachers, the Sisters operate an O.E.O. school for adults and children.

Austin — Adequate facilities for three Negro missions in the diocese have been provided for. Although the number is small, there is a strong faith among the people.

Dallas-Fort Worth — Through the apostolate, approximately 90% of the non-Catholic Negroes are being reached through particular parishes and schools.

San Antonio — The Archdiocese sponsors a medical clinic in the Negro section of San Antonio. It serves those who cannot afford the services of a private physician. This clinic is the only medical facility in that community.

In the Mid-West

Kansas City-St. Joseph — The diocese has worked financially with agencies like the Council on Religion and Race. During the past year two major programs have been initiated: "Project Equality" and a Fair Housing scheme.

Indianapolis — The Knights of Peter Claver and the Ladies Auxiliary have effective, active units in the archdiocese. Through programs to assist the priests and Sisters in the parishes and schools, they promote Catholic fellowship and keep converts from backsliding.

Owensboro — Classes to prepare adults for civil service examinations have been successful. Jobs have been obtained for over 60. Classes are conducted for women in the simpler arts of home-making.

Wichita — In the past year, a store for the very poor was opened. This has been a major task and it still calls for great sacrifice on the part of priests and other workers in the area.

In the East and Far West

Washington—The fruits of the Catholic leadership apostolate among the Negroes are being seen in oustanding men and women who are assuming positions of leadership and responsibility in all the inner-city parishes. The Kenilworth Urban Ministry established during the past year has proven its worth both to the Church and the community. A cooperative food store and thrift shop are being aided by the program.

Philadelphia — Connected with over 20 predominantly Negro parishes and schools in the archdiocese are 14 educational and recreational programs for the benefit of Negro children.

Camden — Through the Diocesan Neighborhood apostolate, programs for the Negro reach the inner-city ghettos of Atlantic City and Camden as well as the rural areas having a resident and migrant population. An apostolic center recently opened during the past year seeks to provide a number of services to the community through catechetics, supplementary education, home visiting, counselling, neighborhood organization and community relations.

New York — Two communities of Religious are operating facilities in Harlem to try to reach the people more directly and help them prepare for and obtain better employment, schools and housing.

Erie — To help solve the polarization existing in the community, a "Better Homes for Erie, Inc." has been started by a group of Catholic men for the inner-city of Erie. The first building was ready for occupancy on October 1st. A strong social program is at work there, too. It provides multiphase social case work to multi-problem families which are 125 in number.

San Diego — The diocesan Catholic Charities are working with the many parishes having a substantial Negro population within their limits and must match funds for Federal aid in several projects.

Sacramento — A catechetical program is thriving in an area where there are a number of Negro families and children.

Reno — A more extensive program for the Negro apostolate in Las Vegas has begun to take shape in the past year. The Catholic population is really small in contrast to the 30,000 Negroes now living in the city.

The MESSENGER asks prayers and aid for U.S. Southern Missions

St. Mary Leads South All-Stars to Victory

Sea Coast Echo, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi

There was nothing but praise for the outstanding ability of Curtis St. Mary of the Divine Word Seminary and St. Stanislaus in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. The able athlete was congratulated in all circles.

"He gained the respect of everyone at the basketball camp," said one coach. "The finest player I've ever worked with," echoed another coach. Such ability was recognized by his fellow All-Stars when they elected Curtis Co-Captain of the South team.

His fine defensive play helped lead the South to an 89-69 trouncing of the North All-Stars who were rated superior due to their heights of 6-7, 6-8, 6-6, etc. Curtis, a 6-0 leaper tied the North's Harold Wilson for rebounding honors with 12. Playing before an estimated 9,000, Curtis shot 50% of his shots in every category. Fans reacted vigorously when the referees called a few fouls against him. Present at the game were the Vice President and Coach of McNeese, La., where Curtis attends on a scholarship.

St. Mary, a 6-0 South All-Star from St. Stanislaus spent the season operating from the low post.

And while maneuvering among the tangle of big men which seem to congregate in that area, Curtis managed a blistering 30-point per game average.

Apparently St. Mary's average was hard earned.

"All of the coaches on the coast said he was the top prospect from the area," explained South Coach James Garner of New Hebron.

"And he's an excellent leaper," added Coach Carl Harris of Morton.

"He's got more team spirit than anybody. He's an excellent college prospect," Harris continued.

CURTIS ST. MARY puts one in for the South All-Stars who won over a much taller squad.

St. Mary plays his college ball at McNeese, La. State College.

"The way he can jump, we hope to get him hitting his jumper around the key," Harris said, prior to the game.

"His biggest problem will be that 6-7, 6-6, 6-6 lineup the North will have."

But Curtis has seen the big man before. He is aware that the defense he'll face will be better than ever.

"If you get to the All-Star game, the competition is bound to be good," St. Mary said before the Tuesday afternoon workout.

"But I'd rather play against bigger men because they don't expect as much from you. And they're usually not as quick."

St. Mary was late in developing his basketball abilities. After sitting on the bench his sophomore year, Curtis became St. Stanislaus' sixth man during his junior year.

During his senior year, St. Stanislaus operated with a 6-2 forward, a 6-2 guard and St. Mary as its center. And from there the height tapered off.

"They put me on the low post and I shot mostly along the baseline," Curtis explained, "I tried to take advantage of my jumping ability there.

"Coach (Bob) Cuccaro really helped me develop my jumping. I didn't get up well as a junior but he worked on me."

St. Mary and Larry Hawthorne of Harrison Central are the first black athletes chosen to play in the All-Star basketball game.

COMMEND CURTIS ST. MARY

Supervisor Cuevas moved, seconded by Supervisor Kellar, adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Curtis St. Mary, a student of the Divine Word Seminary of St. Augustine, and also St. Stanislaus College, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, in the past year as a member of the basketball team of St. Stanislaus, has received many honors including those of the most valuable player, All Gulf Conference, All District 8, best free throw percentage, holder of 19 records at high school in basketball, and a member of the Student Council, and

WHEREAS, said Curtis St. Mary was a member of the South All Stars, which won over the North All Stars this past weekend in Jackson, Mississippi, and

A jubilant Co-Captain Curtis St. Mary with team and Head Coach.

WHEREAS, said student has received many honors as a result of his athletic and scholastic abilities, and has brought much credit to his schools, Hancock County, and the State of Mississippi,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County go on record as commending said student for his exemplary achievements, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the two schools herein above, to Curtis St. Mary and his family.

The motion passed unanimously.

The MESSENGER asks prayers and aid for U.S. Southern Missions

More Triumphs for the Negro Apostolate

A Newly Ordained Benedictine Monk
Rev. Ivan Hughes, O.S.B.

Another Jubilarian
Rev. William H. Adams, S.V.D.

Although from Tulsa, Oklahoma where his parents reside, Father Ivan Hughes chose to join the Benedictine community at Pevely, Missouri in 1961. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wallington Hughes. The Benedictine monk was ordained in the Pius X Monastery in Pevely by Auxiliary Bishop Joseph A. McNicholas on May 18.

His first Mass was celebrated at St. Alphonsus (Rock) Church in St. Louis, Mo. on May 31. Immediately following the Divine Services, a reception was held for him at the St. Alphonsus Parish Centre.

Father Ivan's studies were made at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Conception, Mo., and at the St. Louis University School of Divinity. At this same university he is completing studies toward a master of arts in moral theology and a master of divinity degree. The Mercy Junior College has him as a teacher of medical ethics. May he radiate Christ among his brethren and students!

Rev. William H. Adams, S.V.D.

Suppose a crystal-gazer had been consulted about our second jubilarian of this year. His augury might sound like this: "I sense one good vibration after another! I see a bespectacled young man of serious mien in his twenties. He will become a priest. He will fill important posts. He will be the first of his race to become rector of a major seminary of his church in this country." Time would verify these predictions.

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Forward . . . Knights and

In 1909 three Josephite missionaries and three laymen founded the Order of Knights of St. Peter Claver in Mobile, Alabama. Its purpose was to spread the Faith. In 1922 the Ladies Auxiliary was formed in Houston, Texas. The expression "Claverism" reminds the members of their heavenly patron and personal commitment.

Knights of St. Peter Claver . . . Sacred Heart Council No. 32, Port Arthur, Texas. Original living charter members posing with Bishop Vincent Harris during Golden Jubilee celebration.

Father John La Bauve, S.V.D., the new National Chaplain as main speaker at the Golden Jubilee of the Sacred Heart Council No. 32 of Port Arthur, Texas.

...adies of St. Peter Claver!

Ladies Auxiliary receiving the Constitutions from Bishop Perry during the Mass following the establishing of a new Court in St. Mary's parish, Houston.

Fourth Degree Knights from Indianapolis, Chicago and Houston who attended the organization of a Council in St. Mary's parish, Houston, Texas.

Our jubilarian hails from Cambridge, Mass. He entered the Divine Word Seminary at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi in 1936. Spiritual preparations to fortify him for his future tasks were made at the Divine Word Novitiate in Techny, Ill. after the completion of his college course in 1938. Ordination to the missionary priesthood at the Divine Word Seminary in Bay St. Louis, Miss. on September 29, 1945 made him ready for the round of duties that were to be assigned him. Various commitments, as associate pastor, prefect and instructor of young seminarians came successively. Finally in 1956, Father Adams was appointed Rector of his alma mater. When his term of office expired, he was given the opportunity of laboring in his much-preferred post as prefect of the new student body of the recently opened Divine Word Seminary at Riverside, California.

Change of time however demanded a change of policy. The battled-worn disciplinarian gladly relinquished his position into the hands of the younger men, to assume the duties of a pastor. It is at St. Malachy's Church, Los Angeles that one will find our jubilarian, still full of priestly zeal, still jovial and still interested in sports as before. May his jubilee year portend greater blessings on his apostolate!

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

An earnest plea came through the mail begging that some attention be drawn to a frightening scourge . . . multiple sclerosis. "A half a million people would be grateful," wrote the author of the appeal, "if you would print the above words *at least once.*" Since the welfare of others is the concern of our apostolate, we gladly comply with the request, and expand upon it.

Multiple sclerosis is a mysterious disease. Its origin and cure are still unknown. Through the hardening of the tissues it cripples as it spreads; hence the malady is known as "creeping paralysis." It attacks any part of the body. One can, for instance be deprived of arms or legs. Of the 500,000 victims in the United States, one of them is cited as earning her living by artistic painting. But she has to grasp the brush between her teeth because of the loss of the use of her arms. She cannot walk either, for her legs have also been immobilized by the disease.

Persons between the ages of 20 and 45 are susceptible to its dreadful attack. It is however, not hereditary.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society in New York is relentlessly engaged in research work to discover the cause as well as prevention and eventual care of this ailment.

Whenever possible, may our Christian spirit of fraternal love urge us to help those so unfortunately stricken!

SURPRISE OF THE ANGELS

Some say the angels were uncomforted
When the Holy Spirit went to earth
And the Little Word was one with
Mary.

Anxiously they scanned the place of
exile
And grieved to see the stable of His
birth
In the world where he would be a
Stranger.

Even those who sang the Christmas
carols
On the earth at darkness, felt alarm
For the dreadful moment of their
leaving—

Until they heard His Mother murmur
"Jesus,"
And saw how well He nestled in her
arm,
Which suddenly became throne of
heaven.

—*Anne Tansey*

Yours is a Worldwide Parish

by RT. REV. EDWARD T. O'MEARA

National Director for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Traditionally, the center for Catholic social and religious activities has been the parish. The church, the school, the rectory, the convent, the hall . . . have for centuries been the pivotal point for much of Catholic life.

Yet, when moon landings cease to startle us, when long-distance calls are made in a matter of seconds, we must broaden our parish boundaries to include the world!

In past years, we have tended to overlook the needs of those close to us,

A young boy gives thanks for the healing powers of a surgeon's hands.

while sacrificing generously for the missions. The temptation today is just the opposite; to concentrate all our energies on neighborhood problems.

What does this mean for us in 1970?

It means that we are just as responsible for the starving boy in India as we are for the hungry child in the city tenement.

It means that we should be just as concerned about the quality of education in Africa as we are in our own local schools.

What can we do about it?

First of all, we can pray. Secondly we can sacrifice for those in need.

This missionary Sister gives both spiritual and material comfort to her patients.

An Appeal For Vocations

Dear Friends,

Divine Word Missionaries have been in the all-important business of bringing the Good News of Christ to mankind at home and abroad for nearly a century.

We Missionary Brothers, Sisters, Priests and lay apostles realize the invaluable contribution generous men and women made to Christ's Mission on earth, as they dedicated their lives to this work during these last 95 years!

Time and circumstances have taken a toll on the Church's manpower during the last few years. Desperately, we need Brothers, Sisters, Lay Apostles, and Priests, yes, in the Southern Missions and throughout the entire world. We desperately need candidates to the Missionary Brotherhood and Priesthood here at St. Augustine Seminary.

Will you help us by saying the prayer for vocations printed on the reverse side of the card(s) we're sending you? Christ urged us, "Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest."

Sincerely and gratefully,

Divine Word Missionaries

Profiled by His Word . . .

SISTER MARY SAMUEL STEFFEN, O.S.F.

Come to the Lord, the living stone rejected as worthless by men, but chosen as valuable by God. Come as living stones, and let yourselves be used in building the spiritual temple, where you will serve as holy priests . . . For the Scripture says: "I chose a valuable stone which I now place as the cornerstone in Zion . . . (1 Peter 2:4-6)

"Come to the Lord, the living stone rejected as worthless by men, but chosen as valuable by God." All credit to the Holy Spirit for this about-face invitation from the lips of one who had publicly denied his Master. Our response of Vatican II vintage is Spirit-directed also: "This is the Word of the Lord."

"Come as living stones and let yourselves be used in building the spiritual temple, where you will serve as holy priests . . ." One profile ago we honored Fathers James Wendel and Matthew Christman, both foreign-born German Divine Word missionaries who gave themselves to the task of building a "spiritual temple" for black students in the Deep South. The two pioneers have long since gone to their eternal home, but the seminary they founded continues to prepare and send forth "holy priests to offer spiritual sacrifices to God." This year many alumni have gathered with relatives and friends to celebrate the Golden Anniversary of their Alma Mater in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. We are with them carrying our "Allelu!" banners designed especially for Jubilee 1970.

In the preceding profile we gave momentary recognition to the three surviving priests of the first four ordained at the Bay in 1934. We acknowledged the "leadership and Spartan courage" of Divine Word Fathers Maurice Rousseve, Anthony Bourges, and Francis Wade. To their deceased classmate, Father Vincent Smith, we sent our prayerful greetings.

Time dictates that we continue the procedure of paired relationships for the remainder of Jubilee '70. Our sequence will be that of Greenville seniority — Maurice Rousseve and Vincent Smith. Early in November of 1920, fourteen-year-old Maurice left his New Orleans home to offer himself as a "living stone." Next in the order of perseverance was Vincent of Lebanon, Kentucky. This young man had long hoped to become a Trappist at the Gethsemani monastery near his home. Vincent's path to the famed abbey turned out to be a circuitous one, more than fifty years in length. A sense of filial responsibility kept the future monk on the home front where he helped his parents support their growing family. Then World War I called him to eighteen months of patriotic service with the U.S. Army on the battlefields of France. Ironically, bullets there had no color scruples, but after Vincent's discharge and return to his homeland, he found that dark skin mattered here—even in God's service. The most sympathetic of bishops hesitated to encour-

age and ordain worthy black men because of placement problems.

". . . let yourselves be used in building the spiritual temple . . ." Have you ever offered a gift which met with rejection? Vincent Smith experienced this disappointment. Fortunately, however, the ex-soldier continued to offer himself. His patience was rewarded on March 31, 1929, when his path was aligned with the paths of Maurice Rousseve and a dozen other classmates at the six-month-old seminary for black students in Greenville, Mississippi. Even though there were twelve years between their birth dates, no communication barrier separated our profile partners. In *God's Men of Color* by Albert S. Foley, S.J. (Farrar, Straus and Company, New York, 1955), youthful Maurice is described as "the most brilliant student," while Vincent is characterized as "the natural leader and best orator."

The 1921-1922 school year was lacking in many ways, but Vincent "swept the younger seminarians along with his contagious spirit of optimism and joy." Such enthusiasm very likely explains the increased enrollment for the second (and final) year of Greenville's seminary. Among the thirty-one seminarians we find Anthony Bourges, the third pioneer to persevere in his vocation with Maurice and Vincent.

October, 1921, brought word that property for a new seminary had been purchased at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. The cornerstone of St. Augustine's Seminary was laid on November 23, 1922. In 1923 the unfinished building opened its doors for twenty-two eager lads. These "living stones" would construct the "spiritual temple" described in Peter's first epistle. St. Augustine's pioneer students worked hard to transform the swampy, unlandscaped plantation into the semblance of a monastic garden. Within the building itself, another group made similar progress. Bishop John E. Gunn of Natchez came on September 16, 1923, to officially bless the new seminary and its temporary chapel. Today, the permanent structure, known as Divine Word Seminary, is blessed anew by bishop-alumni who are celebrating Jubilee '70.

Ours is a historical report of sorts, so we will now retrace our steps to the first days of St. Augustine's. Here we find Maurice, Vincent, and Co. occupied by their "full religious routine of prayer, study, work, and recreation." With the completion of minor seminary formation, it became necessary for the young men and their religious superiors to seriously consider the question of future training. Maurice envisioned the practicality of making the proposed major seminary a part of the Bay St. Louis foundation. His elders recognized the wisdom of this reasoning. A minor-major seminary arrangement would inspire more young students to persevere if they saw their older brothers study and be ordained in their midst. Thus it happened that the Greenville students once again became trail blazers for advancing the cause of a Negro clergy.

"Come as living stones . . . where you will serve as holy priests . . ." A small frame cottage housed the first six major seminarians at Bay St. Louis. One all-purpose room in the new seminary building served as library, study hall, classroom, and recreation center. The students were eager to make their project a success and willingly cooperated with Father Christman who was known to remark: "If we fail, there will never be a second attempt to found a seminary for colored men." Father drove himself mercilessly for his seminarians. We know that the good priest's efforts were not in vain because we can see the results. Father Matthew Christman, however, was not to experience this joy on earth. A sudden heart attack relieved Father of his jack-of-all-trades responsibilities in February, 1929. With his death, everything at the Bay came to a temporary halt. Two founders in eternity must have pleaded for their project, though, because within a month the seminary came alive

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ALONG THE DIVINE WORD MISSION TRAIL

Bay St. Louis, Mississippi
(The Seminary)

Appointments: From the Generalate in Rome came the news that Father Charles Leisring has been confirmed in his office as Novice Master of the

Brother Theophane Alles, S.V.D.
A House Consultor.

Divine Word Novitiate here for a three-year period. Father Wilfred Reller, who joined the Province in August was appointed as an assistant to the Novice Master and also as instructor to the young men.

From the Provincial Superior's office were issued the following notices: Father Gerard Vogel as Vice Rector; Fathers Wilbert White, Charles Leisring, Alvin Dixon and Brother Theophane Alles as House Consultors of the Seminary. Father Dixon has been selected to serve also as Prefect of the student body.

Since August 19th, the people in our parishes and mission stations have noticed new faces among the missionaries serving them. The transfers have affected: Father Arthur Winters, now pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Meridian, Miss.; Father Nathan Willis, now pastor of St. Gabriel's Church, Mound Bayou, Miss.; Father Joseph Guidry, now pastor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lafayette, La.; Father Bernard Keller, now pastor of St. Thomas' Church, Pointe-à-la-Hache, La.; Father Thaddeus Boucree, now pastor of St. Augustine's Church, North Little Rock, Ark.; Father Joseph Kehrer, now pastor of St. John the Evangelist's Church, Melville, La. This happens to be another new mission entrusted to our Divine Word Missionaries. Two former missionaries in the foreign fields have received appointments as associate pastors: Father Lawrence Bunzel from the Philippines, now an associate at St. Thomas' Church, Pointe-à-la-Hache, La., and Father Richard Winters from the Republic of the Congo as an associate at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lafayette, La. Since the beginning of September, Father John Gasper has been assigned as associate pastor to St. Paul's Church, Pass Christian, Miss.

The Professional Ceremony . . . "I will pay my vows to the Lord in the sight of all His people." (Ps. 115; 18)

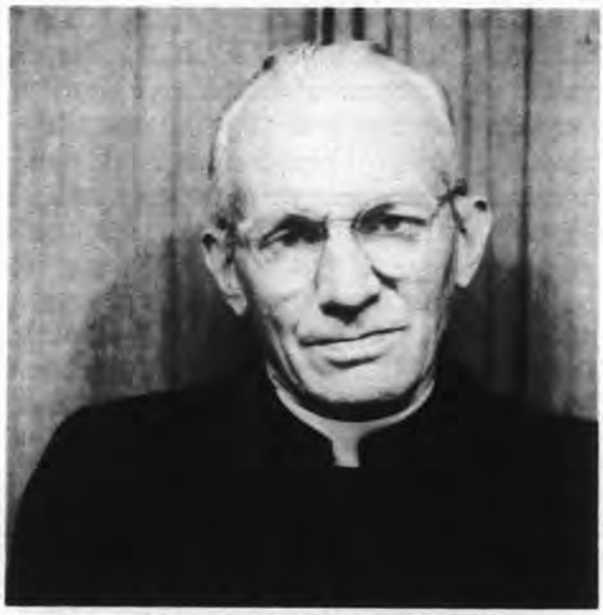
Father Raymond Jones has been requested to resume his former post as assistant to the Director of the Holy Rosary Institute, Lafayette, La., while Brother Stillfried Wahl has been appointed Prefect of the boys' department of that Institute.

Religious Profession: After a year of probation ending in August, thirteen novices made their First Profession as members of our world-wide Divine Word missionary society. Father Provincial Bowman received their vows

during a Concelebrated Mass. Father John LaBauve, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Houston, Texas delivered a sermon befitting the occasion.

Bay St. Louis, Mississippi
(St. Rose's School)

The C.Y.O. has made headlines again. Inspired by their capable and devoted coaches, Mr. Harry Farve for the



Father Weber, S.V.D. led the prayers at the Shrimp Fete.

boys, and Mr. Andrew Lizana for the girls, both teams won fresh laurels for their parish in the softball league competition held in Jackson, Miss. In his own inimitable way, Brother Philip Rubit, their bus operator also played a significant role in this happy event.

Delcambre, La. — Father Clarence Weber is our pastor in this reputed shrimp capital of the world. During the annual Shrimp Fete recently held, he led the community in solemn prayer as the vessel "Catherine Marie" prepared to tour Bayou Carlin on the blessing of the fleet venture.

Houston, Texas — Father John N. La Bauve, pastor of St. Mary's Church, who is an enthusiastic promoter of the Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver has been elected National Chaplain of the organization during the 55th National Convention in Mobile, Ala. As such, he succeeds Bishop Harold Perry.

Profiled . . .

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once more. On May 23, 1934, Maurice Rousseve, Vincent Smith, Anthony Bourges, and Francis Wade were presented to Bishop Richard O. Gerow for major orders. Father Albert Foley describes the ceremony in *God's Men of Color:*

> Under the oak trees that shielded the tent from the sun's heat, the bishop spread his hands over the ordinands, and they rose as the first colored priests of the South, the first to be anointed in Mississippi, the first Divine Word Fathers to have the Holy Spirit breathe upon them at St. Augustine's.

Bishop Jules B. Jeanmard, a native son and first bishop of Lafayette, requested that the four Negro priests be assigned to his diocese. This invitation was gratefully accepted by the Society of the Divine Word. Louisiana proved to be a good testing ground.

Father Maurice Rousseve is with us for Jubilee '70. This sixty-five-year-old honoree has served in many capacities, one being that of Vice-Provincial in Bay St. Louis. Father Vincent Smith became well known for the missions and retreats which took him to many parishes for the colored throughout the United States. On May 20, 1951, Father Smith took the vows of a Trappist monk and received his new name, Father M. Simon. Immediately, he was assigned as novice master at the monastery in Piffard, New York, but before a full year had elapsed, Father Simon died of a heart attack. The fifty-seven-year-old novice master would be seventy-six if time counted in eternity. A temporary barrier separates our two pioneers according to man's way of reckoning. In God's sight, however, the celebrants of Jubilee '70 must be walking side by side singing with us:

Brothers, Sisters, we are one . . .
In the Spirit we are young . . .
Allelu, Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia!

The MESSENGER asks prayers and aid for U.S. Southern Missions

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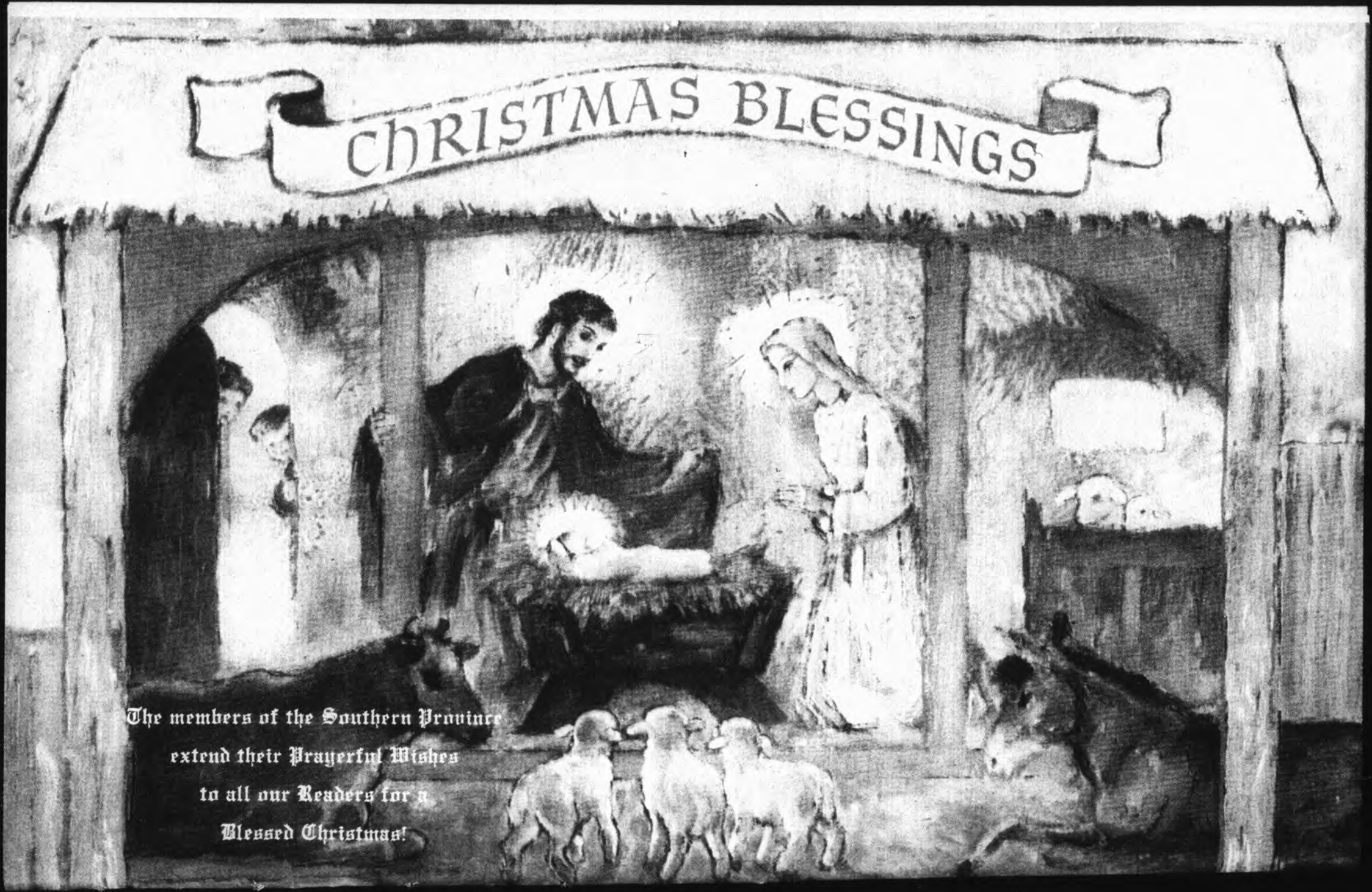
CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS
The members of the Southern Province
extend their Prayerful Wishes
to all our Readers for a
Blessed Christmas!